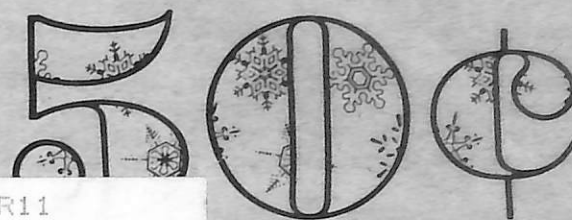


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Johnson Sworn-In



MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON receives the oath of office on Monday from Town Clerk Richard Theroux. Looking on is Theroux's son, Michael. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Inaugural Celebration Set For January 14th

The public is cordially invited to attend the Town of Agawam's "1994 Inaugural Celebration," which will be held on Friday, January 14th, 1994, at Chez Josef, 176 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam.

The event will begin with a social hour at 6:00 p.m., followed by a mock swearing-in ceremony at 7:00 p.m. Hot hors d'oeuvres, music, and dancing will be available for your enjoyment starting at 8:00 p.m.

The donation for this celebration is \$16 per person. Please send all ticket orders with your name, address, and the number of tickets that you want to the Agawam Inaugural Committee, c/o Mayor's Office, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001, or call Jennifer in the Mayor's Office at 786-0400, Extension 201. Please make all checks payable to the "Agawam Inaugural Committee."

If you would like to be a sponsor of this event, a \$50 donation will entitle you to two tickets to the celebration and a sponsor listing in the event program. To become a sponsor, contact the aforementioned address or phone number.

Thank you for your support of this event!

Bitzas Reelected Vice-President...

After Three Rounds Of Voting, Taylor Again Council Chief

by Kathy Cassanelli

On the third ballot, the newly sworn-in Town Council elected James Taylor as its president for the coming year at its first meeting on January 3rd, 1994.

Veteran councilor Edward Caba declined the nomination for the presidency and threw his support to Taylor, the incumbent president.

Caba said he was honored to be nominated, but declined, adding, "We have been progressing with the officers we have now."

Caba further stated he hoped the Council would unanimously support Taylor for the presidency and George Bitzas for the vice-presidency.

Town Clerk Richard M. Theroux administered the oath of office to the councilors and then to the School Committee members.

In accordance with the rules governing the Council, Walter Balboni, the oldest member of the Council, called the meeting to order and presided over the election of the president and vice-president.

Caba's withdrawal left the councilors to consider the nominations of Balboni (nominated by veteran councilor Gary Suffriti), Taylor (nominated by new councilor David Skolnick), and Nancy Gravel (nominated by newcomer Robert Danie).

After the first two ballots produced a deadlock of five votes for Taylor, four votes for Gravel, and two votes for Balboni, Councilor Thomas Ennis proposed a three-minute recess for the councilors to consider their options.

Simpson Changes Her Vote

On the third ballot, newcomer Jill Simpson changed her vote from Gravel to Taylor and gave Taylor the magic number of six votes needed for election.

Mrs. Simpson later stated that she changed her vote after speaking with Mrs. Gravel during the brief recess. "When I spoke to Nancy, she didn't seem very enthusiastic about having the position. I changed my vote to avoid a deadlock," said Mrs. Simpson.

Having previously pledged her support to Taylor in his bid for the presidency, Mrs. Gravel said, "I didn't actively seek the presidency, although I was honored to be nominated." Mrs. Gravel went on to say her professional schedule and personal obligations did not permit her to lobby for the time-consuming job of Council president.

Noting she would "welcome the position next year," Mrs. Gravel said, "I think Jim (Taylor) will continue to be an effective president."

Taylor told us, "I guess this means they wanted me," referring to his earlier comments about being ready to again serve as council president if the council wanted his services.

Taylor said he was pleased the Council decided to take a fourth ballot to make his election unanimous. "Maybe that's a sign of things to come," Taylor mused.

In the past, the Council has been plagued with factionalism, dissension, and in-fighting, including the Council that left office on December 31st.

Capitol Improvement Projects

Capitol improvement projects such as a new DPW garage and a new fire station topped Taylor's list of concerns for the Council in the upcoming year.

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Super Stop & Shop Opens In Feeding Hills Center

The Stop & Shop Supermarket Company will open its newest Super Stop & Shop in Agawam, MA, at 1282 Springfield Street, on Friday, January 7th, 1994 at 8:00 a.m. Mayor Christopher Johnson will join Stop & Shop executives in a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 7:45 a.m. to celebrate the grand opening.

"We are pleased to become part of the Agawam community and look forward to providing area shoppers with the expanded selection of convenience of Super Stop & Shop," said Robert G. Tobin, president and chief operating officer of The Stop & Shop Companies, Inc.

"In addition to an expanded variety of products, consumers will find one-stop-shopping conveniences throughout the store, including a video department and Uno Pizza Bakery."

Super Stop & Shop will offer Uno Pizza's famous pizza. Pizza lovers will be able to order the same great Uno Pizza variety of pizzas or build their own from a list of delicious options. Other offerings will include Lunch Express, call-ahead

ordering, and 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. service and checkout.

Shoppers can look forward to the convenience of Stop & Shop's pharmacy department. Stop & Shop's pharmacy is staffed with two registered pharmacists who are ready to answer any questions you may have about over-the-counter medication or prescribed medication. Whether it's a cold or the flu, Stop & Shop's pharmacists will make any shopper feel better. Seniors over 60 will receive a 10-percent discount on all prescription drugs.

The Stop & Shop produce department will inspire everyone to eat healthy. The features of the produce department include a wide variety of fruits and vegetables from all over the United States. Shoppers can enjoy the convenience of freshly squeezed juices from the juice and melon bar, prepared salad fixings from the salad bar, and ready to use pre-cut vegetables.

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT - from Page 1...

Refusing to comment on which parcels of land are under consideration for these projects, Taylor said he expected Mayor Christopher C. Johnson to submit proposals for the Council's consideration in the next few months.

Mrs. Gravel identified charter revision as her first priority for the Council's consideration. Building a new fire station and a new DPW garage, as well as enlarging the present library (or constructing a new library) were among her top concerns for the Council's attention.

Entering his 49th year of public service to the Town of Agawam, Balboni would not speculate on whether the new Council would be able to work together, given the almost even split of loyalties demonstrated by the close vote on the Council presidency. "I'll tell you in three months," Balboni promised.

According to Balboni, the Council's most pressing business will be the establishment of the golf commission to oversee the Agawam Country Club, the settling of the legal wrangling over the Tuckahoe Farms purchase, and the effects of the Education Reform Act of 1993 on the town budget.

Although a strong supporter of education as a former School Committee member, Balboni voiced concern over whether or not the state will live up to its fiscal obligations under Education Reform, thereby forcing the Town side of the budget to suffer.

In an uncontested race, George Bitzas was elected to another term as Council vice-president.

The Council unanimously elected Carol Taylor to another term as Town Auditor, and Ursula Retzler to another term as Council Clerk as their first order of business in 1994.

LEGAL NOTICE**LEGAL NOTICE****TOWN OF AGAWAM
BOARD OF APPEALS**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 1994 at 6:45 P.M. o'clock, for all parties interested in the appeal of C. WRIGHT PEARSON, who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-7 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the alteration of a building at the premises identified as 1779 MAIN STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald A. Hebert, Chairman

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JAMES D. TAYLOR (left) has been reelected president of the Agawam Town Council and **George Bitzas** (right) has been reelected as vice-president.

**STOP & SHOP - from Page 1...**

The 67,000 square-foot Super Stop & Shop will provide shoppers with an expanded selection of groceries, produce, meat, dairy, deli, and an in-store bakery, all including ethnic specialties enjoyed by area shoppers.

Among other one-stop-shopping features of the new Super Stop & Shop, shoppers will find a full-service floral department as well as a Foods To Go department which offers barbecued chicken hot from the rotisserie and delicious prepared foods, including appetizers, entrees, vegetables, and desserts.

Consumers will find that this store has been developed with their shopping needs in mind. Stop & Shop's convenient scan saver cards allow shoppers instant coupon savings without all the clipping!

Two motorized shopping carts, a store lounge,

an ATM machine, and computerized touch screen directories are some of the features that will make the shopping experience more enjoyable. Instead of waiting at the deli, shoppers will be pleased to try out the Stop & Shop Express Deli machine. As shoppers enter the store, they can make a deli selection through a computerized deli ordering system, go on to shop, and pick up their order in 10 minutes.

The Super Stop & Shop store hours will be from Monday, 7:00 a.m. through Saturday, 12:00 midnight; and Sunday, 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight.

The Stop & Shop Supermarket Company is the largest supermarket chain in New England. The building of the Agawam store is part of Stop & Shop's expansion plan, which includes opening 14 new superstores in the next year.

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Letters To The Editor

Charest Says Thanks For Receiving UNICO Award

To The Editor:

Now that I am back home recuperating from a 12-day stay in the hospital for a kidney stone operation, I take this time for something I wanted to do a few weeks ago.

First, I wholeheartedly want to say "Gracia" to all the members of the Agawam UNICO Club for honoring me with the prestigious award as "Man of the Year" for 1993.

I also want to personally thank Frank Chriscola and his committee for their recommendations to the membership for their approval for presenting me with this award.

A sincere thank you to State Representative Michael Walsh and to Mayor Christopher Johnson for the distinguished citations they presented to me and for their kind words spoken at the banquet.

A thank you, also, to State Senator Linda Melconian for the nice letter I received from her for congratulations.

A thousand thanks to my friends and neighbors for the numerous congratulation cards I received.

Of course, many thanks to *The Agawam Advertiser* for the fine news coverage with pictures that appeared in the December 16th, 1993 issue.

Ray Charest
Feeding Hills

Police Supervisors Support Safety Officer Reinstatement

To The Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to clear up a misunderstanding regarding the elimination of the Safety Officer Sergeant position.

In May of 1993, our union received a memorandum from the Chief of Police. In this communication, he indicated that he was eliminating the Safety Officer. He cited "shift supervision and overall manpower conditions" as cause for his action.

I would like to emphasize the police supervisors union in no way agreed with or endorsed his decision. We wholly understand management rights to take such action, and we abide by their orders.

As police supervisors and parents, we have always been committed to the safety of the children of Agawam. We remain hopeful that in the near future, the decision to eliminate this position will be reversed.

We look forward to reinstituting the programs that the children have missed this school year as a result of this situation.

Sergeant Gary E. Nardi
Steward, Local 404
Police Supervisors Union

Former Councilor Russo Comments On Last Term

To The Editor:

Now that the last session of the 1993 City Council has ended, I would like to thank all my supporters for allowing me the honor and privilege of serving them as their city councilor the past two years. The last several years have been challenging yet rewarding. Most of all, it has been a great pleasure to have served all the people of Agawam as their councilor and, hopefully, as their friend.

Despite some of the disagreements I may have had at times with some of my fellow councilors on certain issues, those disagreements were merely the result of my concern for our community and its taxpayers. Other media had dubbed me the council troublemaker. Well, the record shows that I was not the council troublemaker, but rather, it's watchdog.

I will never be in favor of a roughshod government neither as a taxpayer or public official when it concerns our town. It has been my Christmas wish to all the people of Agawam and to all town councilors, that though debate may sometimes become outspoken and occasionally heated, disagreements on an issue should not become confused with personalities or petty personal feelings, which has often been the case with certain issues in the past.

To those people who supported me during the last election, as well as the rest of the community, I would like to assure all of you that I will remain available to help solve the same types of problems that you brought to me in the past. Constituent service was my strongest goal as a councilor. I will still be happy to use my knowledge of government and ability to cut through red tape to help any residents who feel they are being ignored or misled by those who are supposed to serve them in Town Hall.

I intend to stay involved in our community, as I always have, and continue to work with the many civic and charitable organizations that I have always been involved with. More so, I will stay involved in government as a private citizen.

I do this because I strongly feel that all residents of a community should and must be involved in their government to know where they stand and to insure that their public officials are doing what they are supposed to do! It will also insure that all our public officials make dealing with Town Hall a much easier and painless problem.

In closing, I will be changing roles from an elected official to that of an active citizen who cares deeply about his community and the people who live in it. Again, I will always be available to help any resident in any way that I can.

I hope that everyone had a nice holiday season, and I wish everyone a safe, happy, and healthy 1994.

Thank you,
Louis Russo

Townpeople Invited To Annual Inaugural Celebration

To The Editor And Townpeople:

We would like to cordially invite you to the third Inaugural Celebration. This will be held Friday, January 14th, 1994, at Chez Josef, 176 Shoemaker Lane in Agawam.

The cost of this festive evening is only \$16. Tickets can be purchased by contacting the Mayor's office at 786-0400, ext. 200, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. TICKETS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR.

For further information, you may contact Maria Sutton at 786-2522, or Joann McGeoghan at 786-1982.

Sincerely,
David Clouse
Joann McGeoghan
Maria Sutton

Outdoor Burning In Town Has Specific Guidelines Set By Fire Dept.

The Department of Environmental Protection has designated January 15th, 1994 through May 1st, 1994, for open burning in Agawam. CMR 310.707.

Certain guidelines have been established and must be adhered to. The Agawam Fire Department will issue and monitor each permit on a daily basis.

Permits will only be issued weather permitting and only to those locations meeting these conditions.

1. Activities associated with the normal pursuit of agriculture which have been determined by the Department as necessary and which include but are not limited to, open burning of blueberry patches for pruning purposes, dead raspberry stalks, fruit tree prunings, and infected beehives for disease control.

2. BURNING OF BRUSH, CANE, DRIFTWOOD, AND FORESTRY DEBRIS EXCLUDING GRASS, HAY, LEAVES, AND STUMPS FROM OTHER THAN COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL LAND CLEARING OPERATIONS WILL BE ALLOWED.

3. Open burning of brush and trees resulting from agricultural land clearing operations.

4. NO GRASS, HAY, LEAVES, STUMPS, PAPER PRODUCTS, TRASH OF ANY KIND IS ALLOWED.

5. Burning shall take place between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. PLEASE DO NOT CALL FOR PERMITS BEFORE 10:00 A.M.

6. Burning shall be at a location greater than seventy-five (75) feet from any dwelling.

ALL PERMITS WILL BE ISSUED FROM FIRE HEADQUARTERS BY TELEPHONE. AFTER 10:00 A.M. THE BUSINESS NUMBER IS 786-2662.

DO NOT USE THE "911" NUMBER TO CALL FOR PERMITS.

IF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT ANY OF THE ABOVE GUIDELINES ARE NOT FOLLOWED, NO FUTURE PERMITS WILL BE ISSUED, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WILL BE NOTIFIED.

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Sunday, January 9th
"Social Tea" by West Spfld. &
Agawam Emblem Club No. 526
At Elks Lodge, Morgan Rd., W. Spfld.
2:00 p.m.
Call 734-8769, 562-9614, or 788-9119
for additional information

Monday, January 10th
Catholic Women's Club of Agawam
(meeting, annual pot luck
supper, and penny auction)
Parish Center, St. John's Church
6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 11th
Rosary Altar Society's meeting
and installation of new members
Parish Center, Sacred Heart Church
7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 18th
Encore presentations of the program
"Introduction To CD-ROM Multimedia"
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IRS Sends Out Yearly Tax Packages

Tax season is here again and tax packages are showing up in the mail. Taxpayers who use professional tax preparers received IRS postcards earlier this month - giving them the option of requesting a tax package from the IRS or using tax forms supplied by their preparer.

"This year there are a few law changes that may affect your return. Be sure to read through your tax package to see if any of the changes affect you," said Gerard R. Esposito, Boston IRS District Director.

"The good news is that most taxpayers won't face a tax rate increase," said Esposito. The two higher tax rates — 36 percent and 39.6 percent — for high income taxpayers, should affect less than two percent of all taxpayers. Taxpayers affected by this increase may choose to defer part of their 1993 tax. A new Form 8841, Deferral of Additional 1993 Taxes, can be used to determine the amount of tax you can defer until 1995 and 1996.

Another significant change for this tax year is, married couples with income under \$50,000 and no dependents will be able to use the easiest of tax forms this year - Form 1040EZ. In the past, only single people could use this form.

Each year the filing requirements, personal exemptions, standard deduction and earned income credit amounts are adjusted for inflation. This year all of the amounts have increased.

"Remember to hold onto your tax package this year, it contains valuable information to assist you in preparing your return. But, if you still have questions after reading your package, visit your local IRS walk-in office or call our toll-free taxpayer assistance line at 1-800-829-1040," said Esposito.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Agawam Town Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 18, 1994 at 7:30 P.M. at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA on a Class II Dealer License for J & M Auto, 1801 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

Ursula Retzler
Clerk of the Council

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LEGAL NOTICE

DA Bill Bennett Plans Conference At WNEC

District Attorney William M. Bennett is presenting a Municipal Law Conference on January 21st from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It is hoped that the conference will be held at Western New England College, Sleith Hall, Lecture Room 100, Springfield (DA Bennett is waiting for confirmation).

The purpose of this conference is to contribute to the awareness and understanding of the statutory requirements for meetings of governmental bodies and the obligations and responsibilities of municipal employees and officials.

The importance of compliance with the various laws and regulations so as to protect the public's right to access to governmental action cannot be overstated.

There will be presentations on various aspects of the law pertaining to governmental bodies, public records, and municipal employees and officials, as well as an opportunity for questions to be addressed by the panel.

In addition, written materials will be provided. Please reserve this date so that you will be able to attend and participate.

In order to assure the availability of handout materials, an estimate of attendees is requested. Please contact the District Attorney's office on or before January 14th, 1994 at 781-8100, ext. 3912 with an approximate number of people from your town/city who will attend.

When reservations are called in, the conference location will be confirmed.

LEGAL NOTICE

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, January 13, 1994 at 7:15 PM, in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, at the Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability for Bay State Gas for property located on M Street Ext.

Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
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LEGAL NOTICE

IRS Reminds Residents To Please File Early

Tax season is here again and the IRS would like to remind everyone to file early, but take your time preparing your return this year.

Within the next couple of weeks you should receive your tax package in the mail. Keep that package handy, the answers to your questions can be found in the tax package.

"The most frequent mistakes taxpayers make involve the first six lines of the tax return—filing status, exemptions, standard deductions and the earned income credit," said Gerard R. Esposito, Boston IRS District Director.

The IRS can fix some errors without contacting the taxpayer, but not all. "To correct some of the mistakes, the IRS has to write to the taxpayer to get missing information. The taxpayer is inconvenienced and, of course, the refund is delayed until the mistake can be corrected," said Esposito.

IRS has a publication that can help you prepare your own tax return by taking you step by step through each part of the return—Publication 17, Your Federal Income Tax. It's available free from the IRS by calling toll-free 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

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By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald A. Hebert, Chairman
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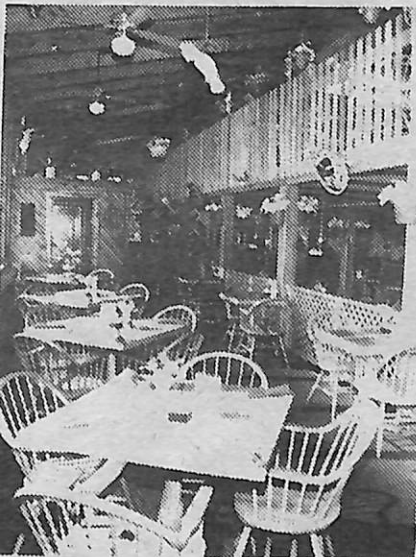
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Melconian Emphasizes Merits Of Pacheco Bill

Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has outlined her reasons for her supporting Senate Bill 1664, an act further regulating state services, known also as the "Pacheco Bill." Melconian voted to override Governor Weld's veto of this important measure.

She stated, "It is important to remember that the purpose and intent of this legislation is to provide for the future privatization of state services. It is necessary because the Weld Administration in a number of its privatization policies, including Northampton State Hospital, has failed to live up to its professional standards of 'equal or better services and savings' to the taxpayers."

"By voting in favor of this measure," continued Melconian, "we have taken a step forward in promoting what is best in the public's interest by ensuring cost savings and assuring equal to or better quality care or services, as well as protecting fair labor standards."

The original bill had raised the objections of certain human service providers, and was later amended in an effort to help ease such concerns. The Senate adopted "corrective" language in the final supplemental appropriation bill which addressed services concerns.

They included: a revised watered-down version of the lien provision; the elimination of the amortization on mortgages; a provision requiring that any reductions in the rate reimbursement or other payment method to be first applied against managerial personnel and direct service workers; and elimination of the provision that prohibits against subcontracting to parent companies.

Originally, the bill had raised the objections to Section 3 of the bill. Another objection to the bill purported that clients receiving mental health services would be adversely affected, something which Melconian labelled as a "myth."

"The contention that this bill could hurt service clients is simply untrue," stated Melconian. "In fact, the Western Massachusetts Alliance for the Mentally Ill, the coalition of Families and Advocates for the Retarded and the Patient Advocacy League supported this legislation because they feel that privatization under current procedures is not always in the best interest of those it serves."

Melconian emphasized that the bill is a responsible one, and seeks to perform cost-benefit analysis before privatizing previously state-run services.

She concluded, "I am not opposed to privatization; in fact, it has been very successful in many instances. I voted for the legislative override because we need to assure that it is a change for the better, both in cost and in level of services. This law is a good beginning toward fulfillment of that responsibility."

Pet Owners Sought By Heritage Hall

Heritage Hall Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, along with Visiting Pets are currently recruiting interested pet owners who would like to volunteer their time to Heritage.

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Agawam Obituaries

William C. Haskins

William C. Haskins, 56, of 86 Royal Street, Agawam, an automotive insurance appraiser in the local area for Sentry Insurance in Concord, died in Hartford Hospital, Connecticut.

Previously he had worked for Commerce Insurance and for Frank's Appraisal in Springfield.

He was born in Springfield, attended schools there, and was a graduate of the former Springfield Trade High School, now known as Roger L. Putnam Vocational School.

He moved to the Agawam area in 1978.

He was a member of the Pioneer Valley Stamp Club, the New England Stamp Dealers Bourse, and the American Philatelic Society.

He was a collector, dealer, and nationally-recognized expert on stamps.

He leaves a brother, Harry of Agawam; a sister, Shirley O'Cain of Sandisfield; a niece and a nephew; and a friend, Patti Dion of Chicopee.

Funeral services were held at the Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hartford Hospital, c/o transplant unit, 85 Hudson Street, Hartford, CT 06102.

Margaret D. Fancy

Margaret D. (Trevors) Fancy, 82, of 26 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, a retired five-year bookkeeper for the Cherry Valley Builders in Worcester, died in a local nursing home.

Born in Lowell, she had lived in Worcester before moving to Agawam in 1982. She was a member of the Ladies Aide Society of the Agawam Congregational Church.

Her husband, Carl C. Fancy, died in 1984.

She leaves a son, Carl Jr. of Agawam; a daughter, Sandra Lee Fantelli of Northboro; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial Funeral Home, with burial in Worcester County Memorial Park in Paxton.

Simon W. Muise

Simon W. "Wally" Muise, 74, of 295 Regency Park Drive, Agawam, a retired 30-year lithographic cameraman at the former Springfield Screen Process Co. in Ludlow, died in Noble Hospital in Westfield.

He retired in 1985.

Born in Nova Scotia, he had lived in Saugus

and was a graduate of Saugus High School. He moved to Agawam many years ago and was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church. He had also been involved in the Catholic Stewardship Appeal for the diocese of Springfield.

His first wife, the former Erdine Adams, died in 1975.

He leaves his second wife, the former Louise M. Moulton; a daughter, Suzanne Romano of West Suffield; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the Agawam Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of Hampshire County, 86 Court Street, Westfield, MA 01085.

Ardath Sepanek

Ardath Sepanek of 60 Lemont Avenue, Lewiston, Maine died December 21st at her home surrounded by her family.

Born in Holyoke, Massachusetts, she was the daughter of Janet & James Downie, both deceased. Mrs. Sepanek was the widow of Edward "Dick" Sepanek, who died October 20th, 1978. They lived in Agawam for many years, where they had good friends and good memories.

Mrs. Sepanek came to Maine in 1989 where she lived with her son and daughter-in-law. Ardath loved fishing and the outdoors and spent her happiest years in Maine. She was a dedicated mother and homemaker who gave unconditionally to her family and she will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Mrs. Sepanek leaves behind her daughter, Diana, and her husband, David Fennelly, of Corinna, Maine; her son, Edward, Jr. of Ludlow, Mass.; her son, James, of Lewiston; her son, Robert, and his wife, Julie, with whom she lived. She also leaves a sister, Jean Downie, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and was predeceased by a brother, James, Jr., of Fairview, Mass.

She also leaves five grandchildren; Toni Jo, Gina and Joseph, all of Maine, Julie Ann and Benny Garcia of Southwick, Mass., and two beautiful great-grandsons, Michael and Steven.

"Grandma Ardie," as she was affectionately called, was awaiting the birth of her sixth grandchild to her son, Bob, and his wife.

Memorial services were held at the Pinette Funeral Home in Lewiston, Maine. Donations in her memory can be sent to The Cynthia Rydholm Cancer Treatment Center, Central Maine Medical Center, 300 Main St., Lewiston, ME 04240.

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New Agawam Town Council Sworn-In



MEMBERS OF THE 1994-95 Agawam Town Council receive the oath of office from Town Clerk Richard Theroux (right). From left - James D. Taylor, Gary E. Suffriti, David Skolnick, Jill Simpson, Nancy Gravel, Thomas Ennis, Jr., Vivian Dziardziel, Robert Danie, Edward A. Caba, George Bitzas, and Walter Balboni. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Fire-Wise Important Fire Safety Tips For The Home

by Fire Chief David Pisano

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- Install and maintain smoke detectors: at least one on each level and one outside each bedroom area.

- Every occupant should know two ways out of each bedroom: a primary exit (usually the door) and a secondary exit (the window), should the doorway be blocked.

- For primary exit escapes, make sure everyone knows to crawl out on their hands and knees below the smoke. Placing a cloth over their nose and mouth may also reduce smoke inhalation.

- Some family members may need assistance escaping such as infants, small children, and the elderly. Assign "helpers" in advance so that, in the event of a fire, everyone will know what is expected of them.

- For second- and third-story window escapes, install folding chain escape ladders. They may be stored in a box by the window for quick access.

- Determine an outside meeting place. Make

sure everyone is familiar with its designation.

- Most important: Practice the plan! Not only during the day, but also at night. Time the evacuation and evaluate your home fire escape plan. Don't wait until a fire occurs to find out that a window is stuck shut.

- Make sure everyone knows not to attempt to extinguish the fire or grab valuables.

- Once all family members are outside at the designated meeting place, if possible, an adult should go to a neighbor's house to telephone the fire department. Memorize your fire department's emergency telephone number—911! Have it posted on your phones and the neighbor's phones.

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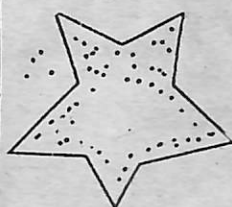
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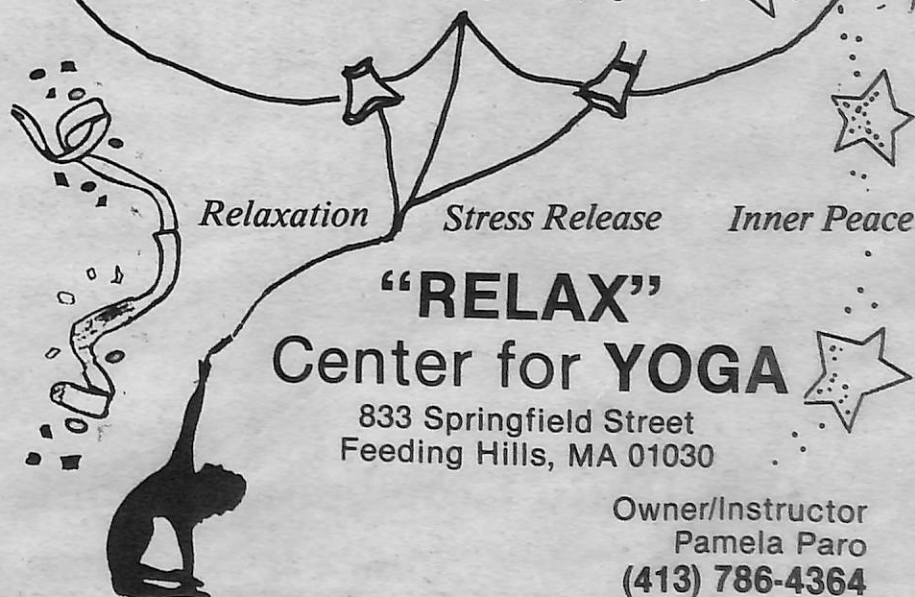
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Families



MONROE STREET RESIDENT Frank Bizas holds the town's Centennial Celebration Flag from June 1955. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Pioneer Valley Grange To Meet In Westfield

Alex Sosnowich of Community of Feeding Hills Grange Agriculture Conservation Committee announces the program for the Pioneer Valley Pomona Grange will be Barbara Nickels of Heifer Project International. She will be talking and showing slides on her trip to Honduras.

The Pomona Committee chairmen are Donald Hamberg, Agriculture, and Raymond Bush, Conservation. The meeting is being held at the Westfield Grange Hall on South Maple Street at 7:30 p.m.

The Pomona is made up of five Granges from five towns: Feeding Hills, Southwick, Southampton, Westfield, and West Springfield.

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Finds 1955 Centennial Flag...

Monroe Street Resident Keeps Agawam Memorabilia

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Frank J. Biza, Jr., of Monroe Street was looking through his collection of souvenirs recently and came across a flag from 1955 that was used at the 100th anniversary celebration of the incorporation of the Town of Agawam.

The blue and white cotton banner is approximately three by five feet and is medium blue with white emblem and lettering. The emblem is similar to the one used in 1925 on the town's 75th anniversary flag (in that it features a plowman in the foreground plowing furrows, which relates to the town's agricultural background).

It is different in that the background shows mountains on the older flag while the 1955 flag has a school behind the plowman. The inscription reads "Welcome Agawam Centennial, 1855-1955." The town was incorporated on May 17th, 1855.

Has Had Flag Since 1955

Biza has had the flag since 1955, but is not sure where he got it or who gave it to him. He has kept many programs and newspaper clippings of events around Agawam since World War II. Many programs are autographed by the people in charge of the events.

Among them are:

- A photo of the former Congregational Church building torn down in 1964 to make way for the present Congregational Church on Main Street near Monroe Street;
- The Nassif house that stood on the Bethany Church property on Main Street (near Route 57). The brick building was being moved in 1982 when it collapsed, according to Biza's records;
- An article on the dedication in 1932 of the General Creighton Abrahams monument at Federal and Main Streets;
- A photo of the former Benjamin Phelps School on the corner of School and Main Streets, which was moved to Monroe Street to make room for the present Phelps School. The old school is now a residence.
- News articles on the dedication of the Anne Sullivan/Helen Keller sculpture at the corner of South Westfield and Springfield Streets.

The Agawam Post Office was on Main Street near the Agawam Public Market from 1932 to 1965 when a new building at the corner of Main and Monroe Streets was dedicated to be the Post Office. It remained at that location until 1990 (when it moved to a new building on Suffield Street, its present location). Biza has programs from open houses and dedications (one autographed by the late Minnie Barden, longtime postmistress), and one signed by Lillian Giles, postmistress after 1965.

He also has a program from the 1990 dedication

of the present Post Office signed by the staff members.

Asked why he was so interested in the Post Office, Biza said, "I'm interested in everything going on in Agawam."

Two Ships With This Town's Name

Also, said Biza, there are two Navy ships that bore the name of this town. "Agawam I" is understood to have been a gun boat and served in the Civil War. The keel of the Agawam II was laid in 1942, the ship was launched in 1943 (World War II), was struck from the Navy lists in 1960 and was sold in 1975, according to Biza's records. He said the Agawam II served in and around Tokyo Bay in 1945 when the Japanese surrendered on September 2nd to the U.S. to end World War II.

Although an Army veteran, Biza has long been fascinated with ships, especially Navy ships (where they go and when). He often writes to commanding officers of ships seeking data.

Biza explained in a recent interview that a cachet, or crest, is the design of the official seal (or stamp) of a ship and is the official mark of identification. Each ship's crest is uniquely its own.

Every piece of mail sent from a ship has the ship's cachet stamped on it. An envelope with the ship's cachet and cancellation (used stamp mark with date) is undisputable proof of where the ship was at what date. Such an envelope, thus marked, is called a cover. Biza has covers from the Agawam I and II.

He augments his information from ship's officers with that obtained at auctions, from private individuals with similar interests, and by reading Navy publications such as "The Navy Times." He is a member of several nautical organizations, including the Universal Ship Cancellation Society.

A native of Connecticut, he moved to West Springfield as a child (and then Agawam). Biza has spent most of his life in Agawam.

Since he retired after 39 years with the Farm Credit Bank and 10 years with the former Third National Bank, he is spending more time with his hobby.

He is collecting and consolidating historical data on U.S. ships deployed in the Persian Gulf and those stationed off Somalia, and most currently, the ships enforcing the U.S. embargo on Haiti.

Biza and his wife, Helen, also like submarines and have attended the commissioning of several submarines in Groton, Connecticut. They have toured submarines, he said, but have not been to sea in one - yet.

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Family Film Series For January Set By Agawam Library

The Agawam Public Library is pleased to announce its January film program to be held in the Community Room of the library.

On Saturday, January 15th, the library will present a "double feature" of the comedy *"Father of the Bride."* At 11:00 a.m., the library will show the classic 1950 version, starring Spencer Tracy, Joan Bennett, and Elizabeth Taylor.

At 1:30 p.m., the 1991 remake, also entitled *"Father of the Bride,"* starring Steve Martin, Diane Keaton, and Martin Short, will be presented.

Both versions of the film, *"Father of the Bride,"* deal with the trials and tribulations which beset a family after their daughter unexpectedly announces her plans to wed.

The 1950 version received three Academy Award nominations including Best Actor, Best Picture, and Best Screenplay. *People* magazine named the updated version as "one of the year's 10 best" films for 1991.

The *Video Movie Guide* gives both versions of this film three and one-half stars and said of the 1950 version ... "many scenes of near-slapstick hysteria ... the quieter moments between father and daughter are wonderful ...". The newer version is touted as "a heartwarming comedy the whole family can enjoy..."

The 11:00 a.m. showing of the 1950 version should run approximately one hour and 30 minutes. The 1:30 p.m. presentation of the 1991 version should last approximately one hour and 45 minutes, and is rated PG.

The library's monthly film program is a continuation of a Federal grant entitled "Expanded Library Services for the Aging," which was funded through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners with Title I funds of L.S.C.A. (Library Services and Construction Act), a federal source of library funding.

The library's presentation of *"Father of the Bride"* is free, and is open to adults of all ages, and families. This film program offers you the unique opportunity to see two versions of the same film.

Persons may register to watch either film or both films by calling the Agawam Public Library at 789-1550.

Encore Multimedia Program At Ag. Library

The Agawam Public Library is pleased to announce that due to unprecedented interest, an encore presentation of a program entitled "Introduction To CD-ROM Multimedia" will be offered, to be held in the Community Room of the Agawam Public Library on Tuesday, January 18th at 6:30 and 8:00 p.m.

Once again, this discussion and demonstration will be presented by Tony Maniscalco, Professor of Chemistry and Computer Science at Springfield College.

Topics to be covered will include an overview of what multimedia is and what you can do with multimedia, Windows and DOS, and using a mouse. The program will also include a demonstration of several multimedia products, including the New Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia, and Compton's Interactive En-

cyclopedia.

Participants will have time to try out the multimedia software for themselves.

This program is part of a Federal grant entitled "Students' High Tech Multimedia Education Center," which is being funded through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners with title I funds of L.S.C.A. (Library Services and Construction Act), a Federal source of library funding.

This program should be of special interest to parents, educators, students, and anyone else interested in new technology. **Register early, as space is very limited** for both the 6:30 and 8:00 p.m. program.

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St. Peter and St. Paul Russian Orthodox Church in Springfield was the setting for the recent wedding of Jennifer R. Roberge and Bryan D. Donabed. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Roberge of Windham, Connecticut. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Donald D. Donabed of Agawam.

Stacie Crastwaite attended the bride as maid of honor. Andrea Donabed, Molly Green, and Maria DeAngelis were bridesmaids.

Richard Tullie was best man. John Stokowski, Ara Barsamian, and Michael Saba were ushers.

The wedding reception followed at the Storowton Carriage House, West Springfield. The couple took a wedding trip to San Francisco, California. They plan to reside in Boston, MA.

The bride is currently attending U-Mass Boston. She is an administrative assistant for Tri Companies of Boston.

Her husband is a graduate of Wentworth Institute of Technologies of Boston. He is a project engineer for Perland Environmental Technologies, Burlington, MA.

Ag. Golden Age Clubs' January Calendar

January 7th: Chapter 1 - Board of Directors meeting at the Senior Center at 1:00 p.m.

January 12th: Chapter 1 - Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with a New Year's Party.

January 12th: Chapter 2 - Trip to the Hinsdale Race Track, New Hampshire.

January 14th: Chapter 2 - Dinner Board Meeting.

January 19th: Chapter 2 - Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with guest speaker Walter Balboni showing slides of his trip to the Canadian Rockies.

January 26th: Chapter 1 - Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with gift bingo.

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HERITAGE HALL NURSING HOME RESIDENTS (North Building) Helen Pfisterer (left) and Martha Monnette make flower arrangements during an activity period. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Board Of Directors For 1994 Named By Friends Of Ag. Senior Center

Friends of the Agawam Senior Center is pleased to announce the officers and Board of Directors for the upcoming year. Officers include Lillian Doyle, President; Desiree Jacobs, Vice President; James Griffin, Treasurer; Barbara Gingras, Assistant Treasurer; and Mary Leahy, Clerk.

Nellie Mathias will again head up Friendship. Rounding out the Board of Directors are Thomas Leahy, Jr., Vi Presz, and Joanne Willis.

Friends of the Agawam Senior Center is a non-

profit corporation dedicated to raising funds to purchase or donate needed equipment or furniture for the Agawam Senior Center. Friends also helps to fund programs and activities aimed at promoting the dignity and well-being of Agawam's seniors.

Membership in Friends is open to all Agawam residents, and renewals and new memberships are now being accepted. Anyone interested in membership or more information may contact any of the officers or directors.

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Agawam Senior Center News And Events

The Inter-Council Billiards League finished its third session on December 8th, and the winner was the Agawam team for the SECOND consecutive time. Way to go, Agawam seniors!

The league plays on Wednesdays, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Feel free to call the Senior Center in reference to the location schedule. Good luck to all the players in the Inter-Council Billiards League in the next round.

On Tuesday, January 11th, a very special program is on tap and is designed especially for our senior citizens, no matter what age.

"Protecting Yourself Against Crime" will be both informative and constructive and may save your life. Reservations are not necessary; just mark your calendar—the program begins at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 11th.

For more information, call 786-0400, extension 242, Activities Director.

Free income tax service for older taxpayers will once more be available in all Senior Centers in Hampshire County from February 2nd through April 13th. This service, sponsored by the A.A.R.P. (in conjunction with the Internal Revenue Service and the Massachusetts Department of Revenue), is designed to aid taxpayers complete the various forms and take advantage of any special provisions which will assist senior citizens.

Taxpayers are asked to call the Agawam Senior Center at 786-0400, extension 242, to make an appointment. Taxpayers are reminded to bring with them their tax returns for last year, as well as all information received this year concerning income (such as wages, pensions, interest, dividends, capital gains, and sale of residence).

Theosophical Society To Present Program At Capt. Leonard House

As part of its regular open lecture series, the Springfield Theosophical Society will present a special program, "How To Read the Aura," on Sunday, January 9th, beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam.

This program will be presented by Rev. Dr. Ed Moret, who has taught metaphysics and parapsychology for 15 years. In addition, he has lectured at Yale University, Southern Connecticut University, and public schools in Connecticut, and he has been on many TV and radio shows.

In this workshop, one will be able to experience the ability to see auras and actually tap into past life impressions from other people. Please bring a pen and pad and also a personal item or piece of jewelry for an introduction to psychometry.

The suggested donation is \$5 per person. For more information, please contact either of the following Theosophical Officers: President Robbie Cox, (413) 567-8078; or Vice-President Elaine Kuzmeskus, (203) 668-0373.

Oldies Dance Planned For January 15th By Operation Friendship

Operation Friendship will hold its seventh annual Oldies Dance on Saturday, January 15th at 8:00 p.m. The dance will be held at the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills and will feature "Dancing Dave" as the DJ.

Door prizes and a raffle will be held. Tickets are available now for \$6. Please contact JoAnn Fisher at 786-0381. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$7. A good time will be had by all.

On January 22nd, Operation Friendship will be holding a Roast Beef Supper with continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church at 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

The menu includes juice, tossed salad, roast beef, mashed potato, gravy, vegetable, rolls and butter, beverage and dessert. Donation is \$7 for adults, \$3.75 for children and children under five are free. A bake sale will be held during the supper.

All proceeds from the supper and dance will be used for the youth of Feeding Hills Congregational Church to travel to Europe next summer. Reservations can be made by calling JoAnn Fisher, 786-0381.

If you reach an answering machine, please leave your name, the number of reservations, and your telephone number.

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Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, January 10th: Grape juice, chicken chow mein, white rice, Chinese noodles, oatmeal bread, orange.

Tuesday, January 11th: Meatballs & spaghetti, broccoli & cauliflower, garlic bread, canned plums.

Wednesday, January 12th: French meat turnover, mashed potatoes, corn, whole wheat bread, jello with fruit.

Thursday, January 13th: Baked chicken breast, sweet potato, cabbage, pumpernickel bread, applesauce with raisins.

Friday, January 14th: Tomato rice soup, fish nuggets, baked beans, rye bread, lemon pudding with whipped topping.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Ruby Family Enjoying First Child, Allison

Linda Chagnon of DePalma Street, Feeding Hills, is pleased to announce the birth of her first grandchild, Allison Michelle Ruby.

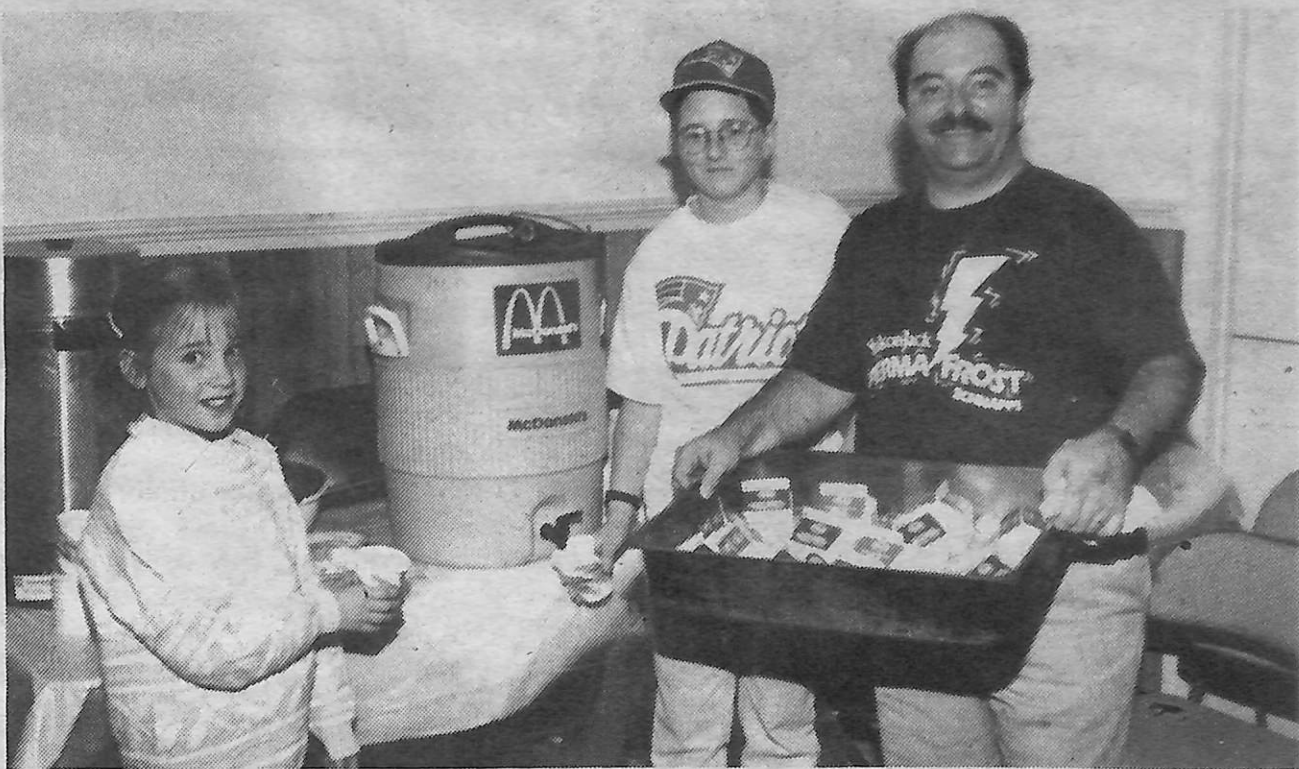
Allison was born October 6th, 1993 to Michelle and Todd Ruby of Sixteen Acres, Springfield. She weighed in at nine pounds, seven ounces and was 23 3/4 inches long.

The maternal grandfather is Edward C. Chagnon of Chicopee. Paternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ruby, Monroe Street, Agawam.

Allison will be baptized January 23rd at Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills.

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ADVERTISER NEWS

Veteran's Council Holds Macaroni Supper



AMERICAN LEGION POST 185 Commander Mario A. L'Archeveque serves Jon Couture and Amanda Hamel at the Veteran's Council Macaroni Dinner last month at the legion. RELATED PHOTO ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM VETERAN'S COUNCIL MEMBERS, from left - Louis Russo, Edward Kellogg, Jerry Couture, Ronald Hamel, and Mark McCormick were part of the serving line at the council's Macaroni Dinner at the American Legion last month. RELATED PHOTO ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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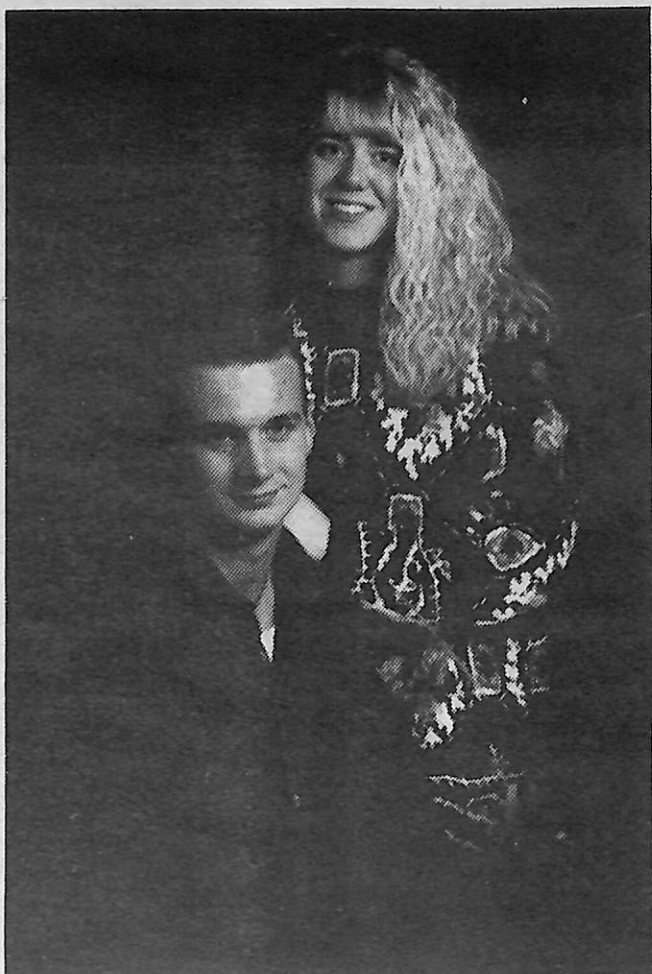
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Christine Chausse To Wed Mr. Whitehead

Roger and Audrey Chausse are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Christine Chausse, to William S. Whitehead, son of William L. and Katherine Whitehead of Agawam.

The bride-to-be graduated from Agawam High School in 1992. She is now attending Springfield Technical Community College and will be graduating in May of this year with an associate's degree in Medical Office Administration. She is presently employed at Stop-n-Shop in Feeding Hills.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1990 graduate of Agawam High School. He is presently enlisted in the United States Army, where he is a crew member of UH60 Blackhawk, 82nd Aviation, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

The wedding is planned for December 3rd, 1994, at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills.



PAMELA TRILLO & SCOTT EWING

Pamela Trillo Engaged To Scott A. Ewing

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Pamela Gail Trillo, 712 South West Street, Feeding Hills, the daughter of Charlotte and John Trillo, and Scott Allen Ewing, 87 Beaudry Avenue, Chicopee, son of June and Herbert Ewing.

The bride to be is a 1991 graduate of Agawam High School, and is employed as a supervisor at All For A Dollar in Chicopee.

The prospective groom is a 1987 graduate of Chicopee Comprehensive High School, and a 1991 graduate of Western New England College. He is presently employed as a customer service manager at Wal-Mart, Springfield.

A May 6th, 1995 wedding date is planned.

Veteran's Council's Macaroni Supper



SETTLING IN FOR A fine dinner provided by the Agawam Veteran's Council are Mary McCormick, Megan McCormick, and Arlie Meade. The dinner was held last month at the Agawam American Legion. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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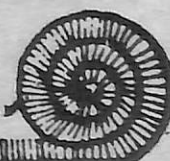
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Church News

Laity Sunday To Be Celebrated At F.H. Congregational

Laity Sunday will be observed on Sunday, January 9th, at the 10:00 a.m. church service at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church.

Scripture lessons and meditation will be given by Diane Fiejdasz, Douglas Neier, and Matthew Granger. The children's story will be told by Betty Kopy. Special music will be provided by the Senior Choir. Kathy Moore will sing the anthem, "Blessed."

Additional members taking part in the service are Jackie Gilmartin, Deborah Curry, Frances McBride, Rose McCobb, and Karl Moore.

On Sunday, January 9th, the Missionary Committee will have its monthly collection of canned goods and nonperishable items for the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry.

Also, the Junior Choir will rehearse immediately after church.

Sunday School classes for all age groups and Morning Worship are held each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church.

Nursery service is available, and visitors and friends are cordially invited.

Catholic Women's Club Of Agawam To Meet January 10th

The January meeting of the Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will be held on Monday, January 10th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center of St. John the Evangelist Church.

The January meeting features the Annual Pot Luck Supper and is eagerly anticipated by the members who outdo themselves from year to year in preparing foods that tempt the taste buds. Members are reminded to label their dishes and covers and to bring a serving spoon.

Following a brief business meeting, a Penny Auction will be held. Members may bring one item for the auction.

President Beverly Beaudreau and her executive board will host the supper. Barbara Gingras will conduct the auction.

Rosary Altar Society To Meet January 11th

On January 11th, the Rosary Altar Society of Sacred Heart Church will meet in the Parish Center at 7:30 p.m. for its monthly meeting. This month's guest speaker will be Patti Belsky, who will give us an insight into the background and operation of "Rachel's Table." Admission is one non-perishable item.

Installation of new members will also be a part of the evening's agenda. Please join the society's members and either bring a friend or meet a new one.

Rosary Altar Society Gathers For Dinner



MEMBERS OF THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY gathered at the Parish Center of Sacred Heart Church last month for a dinner party. TOP PHOTO - Mary Spinelli, Dolly Morassi, Pat Malone, and Florence Potito. BOTTOM PHOTO - Julia Kozikowski, Freda Seymour, Lee Dion, and Mary Cimaroli. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Ag. Congregational's
Calendar Of Events

The Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, will be holding an old-fashioned meatloaf supper on Thursday, January 20th. The dinner will include baked potatoes, gravy, vegetables, cole slaw, rolls and butter, beverage (coffee, tea, or milk), and dessert.

There will be one sitting beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults, and \$4 for children under 12 years of age.

Please call the church office at 786-7111 by Tuesday, January 17th, to make your reservation(s).

An Ecumenical Hymn Sing has been scheduled for Sunday, January 23rd, at 3:30 p.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church. The Agawam clergy are sponsoring this afternoon of song and fellowship.

The church's February Vacation Bible Camp, "Pirates For Christ," will be on Friday, February 25th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Call the church office at 786-7111 to register; cost is \$2 per child, and \$5 for a family of three or more children.

A new member class will begin on Wednesday night, January 26th, at 7:35 p.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church. All are welcome to attend these informative sessions about the mission and ministries of the church.

An info meeting for parents and students regarding "Our Sexuality—God's Good Gift" (a series for seventh through ninth graders) will be held on Thursday, January 13th, at 7:30 p.m.

Valley Community
Church's Jan. Calendar

Saturday, January 8th: Chicken Supper, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Reservations recommended; call 786-2445.

Sunday, January 9th: Sunday Worship & Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Rev. Stephen Dennehey, visiting minister.

Sunday, January 9th: Auditions for "Oliver" for children ages nine to 16. Last names A-M, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.; last names N-Z, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Red Door Theatre (call 789-2026 for info).

Monday & Tuesday, January 10th & 11th: Auditions for "Oliver" for adults, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Red Door Theatre (call 789-2026 for info).

Sunday, January 16th: Sunday Worship & Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Rev. Stephen Dennehey, visiting minister.

Sunday, January 23rd: Sunday Worship & Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Rev. Stephen Dennehey, visiting minister.

Sunday, January 30th: Sunday Worship & Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Rev. Stephen Dennehey, visiting minister.

Sunday, January 30th: Pot Luck Luncheon following Sunday Worship.

The Valley Community Church Congregational welcomes people of all denominations to enter into worship and fellowship at the lovely church on the hill (152 So. Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA).

For information, contact the church secretary at 786-2445.

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Valley Comm. Church
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On Saturday, January 8th, Valley Community Church will be ringing in the new year with a chicken supper. The menu will include a half baked chicken, potatoes, stuffing, vegetables, and the church's famous dessert table.

For reservations or more information, please call the church office at 786-2445. Valley Community Church is located at 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

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Ham & Bean Supper
At Ag. Baptist

The Agawam Baptist Church will be holding a Family Style Ham & Bean Supper on Saturday, January 15th with serving times of 4:45 and 6:15 p.m.

The cost for adults is \$7, and children under 10, \$3. The menu includes baked ham, home-baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, rolls, coffee, tea, or milk, and assorted homemade pies.

For reservations, please call 786-8609, 786-8209, or 789-1481. If you find you are unable to honor your reservations, please call and cancel.

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*Church News - continued...***Craft Fair Held By Bethany Church**

BETHANY CHURCH of Agawam held a Craft Fair recently at the Captain Charles Leonard House. From left - Irene Haag, Diana Carpenter, Ann Martin, Daisy DiLorenzo, and Odette Paixao. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



BETHANY CHURCH members Joyce Rosazza and Cookie Hill participated in the church craft fair at the Captain Charles Leonard House. Proceeds went to the Agape Teen Challenge Women's Program. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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WEST SIDE TAPPERS, from left - Rita Shea, Marie Stevens (instructor) and Ruth Minkus at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills on December 21st. The group put on a holiday program for the Rosary Altar Society. Related photo on next page. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

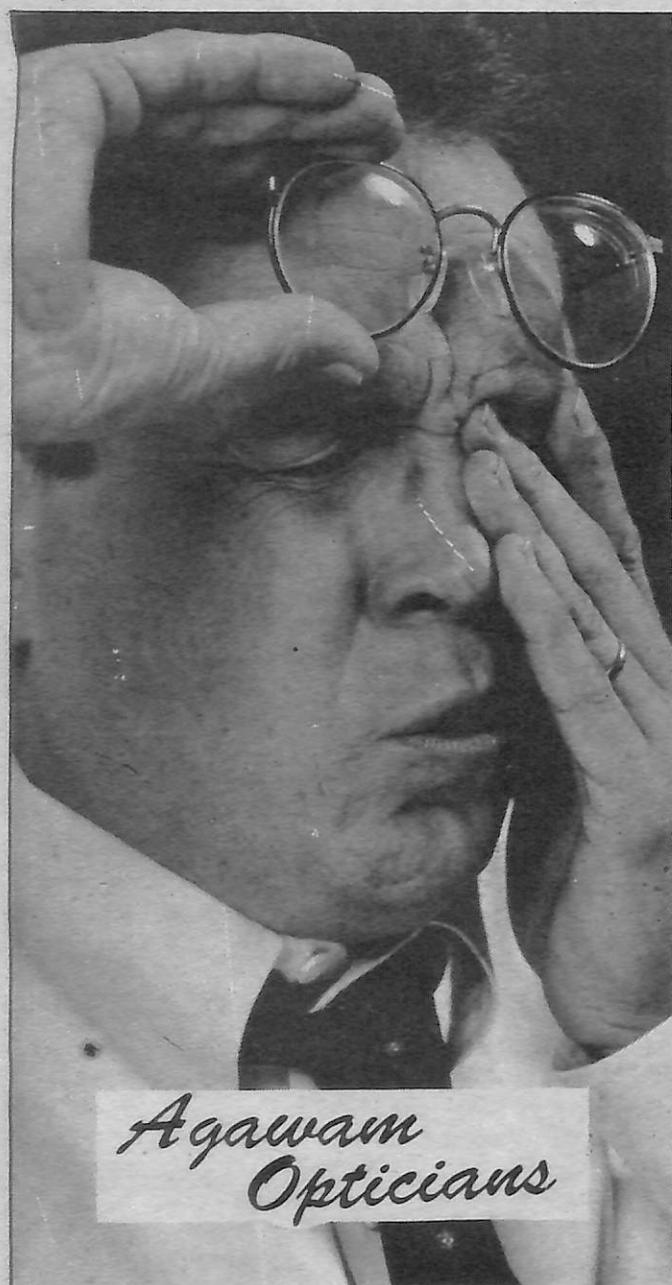


WEST SIDE TAPPERS at the Rosary Altar Society's Annual Christmas Party - from left - Pearl Bennett (captain), Marie Brown, Ruth Sorcinelli, and Lois Miodowski. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Rosary Altar Society's Annual Christmas Party A Success

The Rosary Altar Society of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills would like to thank "The West-Side Tappers" for a fantastic evening of entertainment, as well as making the society's annual Christmas Party such a success. Their energy and talent are a delight and an inspiration to all; thank you, ladies, for sharing your gift with everyone!

Also, thanks go to four additional ladies—Kay Rau, Emily Hayes, Jane Murray, and Helen Liptak—who served as hostesses for the evening. The desserts were fantastic!



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Celebrations Planned By United Methodist

Agawam United Methodist Church will be celebrating its 201-year anniversary in 1994. The church was started by one of the circuit riders, who were the Methodist preachers on horseback.

A circuit rider came to Feeding Hills two years after the Bishop Asbury was sent to Springfield in 1792. The church has had three different names as the history of the church has been changed. The first one was Feeding Hills Methodist Episcopal Church until 1900.

And then, the church was called Lay Memorial Methodist Church from 1901 to 1964. And, as they moved into the new church building at the present site, they changed into Agawam United Methodist church.

The original church building was burnt down by fire and they built another building, which is now owned by Korean Calvary Assembly of God at the Feeding Hills center.

The Agawam United Methodist Church is starting new Bible studies on every Thursday. One is held at 7:00 a.m., which will include breakfast. It finishes at 8:00 a.m., so that people can go to work from the Bible study.

Another one is held at 7:00 in the evening. This study group will be divided into groups, if there are enough responses. Reverend Whang has tried to find the study leaders for each group.

The church is now installing a new gas heating system by the volunteer works of its members. The church will put new lighting in the sanctuary soon.

The church has seen a good sign of its growth in recent months as they have had a new minister. The church, with the new minister and all the members together, eagerly hope that they have a great spiritual revival and growth as they celebrate 201 years of existence in the town.

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West Side Tappers Visit Sacred Heart



MEMBERS OF THE FAMOUS WEST SIDE TAPPERS were booked for several Christmas parties by several civic organizations in the area, including this one at Sacred Heart Church last month. There are four tappers from Agawam in the group - Lois Miodowski, Jane Femmel, Margaret Lindsay, and Norma Werthamer. Tap instructor Marie Stevens and student Marge Daly both appeared on "The Phil Donahue Show" in April. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Remodeling Your Home? How Much Is Too Much?

The traditional way for homeowners to increase the value of their house is by remodeling existing rooms or adding on to its current plan.

Some choose to build recreation rooms and studies while others add new appliances, fixtures, and cabinets to enliven rooms and make their home more attractive to buyers.

But, when should you decide to stop sinking money into a home and buy a bigger place? And how much rehab is too much when it comes time to recovering remodeling costs through a home sale?

For instance, if you've just spent \$2,000 remodeling your living room and didn't expand your small bathroom, the chances of increasing the number of interested buyers are slim.

With these concerns in mind, Century 21 sales associates offer a few tips for those struggling to add value to their homes.

First, always protect the character of your home. Nothing sticks out more than a new addition that is in a completely different architectural style. Be consistent. Recognize your home's character and stay within its framework.

The most financially rewarding areas to remodel are usually the kitchen and bath. Newly re-done cooking spaces and cabinets can attract more buyers and may command a slightly higher price for the home than a comparable one on the market. Simple repairs that are made to last will bring you the biggest returns upon sale.

Enlarged bathrooms are the most popular attraction for new home buyers, according to the National Kitchen and Bath Association. Today, the most popular addition for younger buyers are sky lights, whirlpool baths, and showers. But be sure to install modest, solid amenities. It's easy to quickly over-spend on bathroom fixtures.

Buyers are, by convention, more interested in above-ground living space—not basements, yards, and walkways. Swimming pools can be a poor investment if installed for the sole purpose of increasing a home's value; it's rare that a pool's cost will be recovered in a home sale. It can also be a negative feature for potential buyers with very young children.

Replacing worn carpeting, tiles, and wood floors can give your home an immediate advantage over similar homes in the area. Updating paint colors and wall coverings in all areas of your home can also prove beneficial.

However, it's recommended that you use neutral colors, such as gray, beige, and off-white when adding new floor and wall coverings. Fewer buyers will then turn away because of differing tastes.

George's Pizza Opens At Twin Silos



GEORGE'S PIZZA has opened at the Twin Silos Complex, 1409 Suffield Street, Agawam, with a great variety of eat-in or take-out dinners, as well as delicious pizza. Mayor Christopher C. Johnson (center), and Town Council President James D. Taylor and Vice-President George Bitzas (right) dined at the restaurant on Monday with the new owners. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Removal of over-grown shrubs around your home and replacing with updated shrubbery will make your home eye-appealing to the buyer and may prove to be more valuable compared to similar homes. Over-grown shrubbery also makes your home appear smaller.

Stay simple with your remodeling and look at your home as though you were the buyer. Chances are that if you find the upstairs bedroom could be brightened by a larger window, potential

buyers will probably feel the same.

Don't go overboard. Concentrate on improving two or three deficiencies in your home. More than likely, the time and money you spend adding quality to your home will be rewarded with greater profit at selling time.

(John Schuler is the Owner/Broker of CENTURY 21 Newschu Real Estate, Inc., located in Feeding Hills, MA [413-789-1117].)

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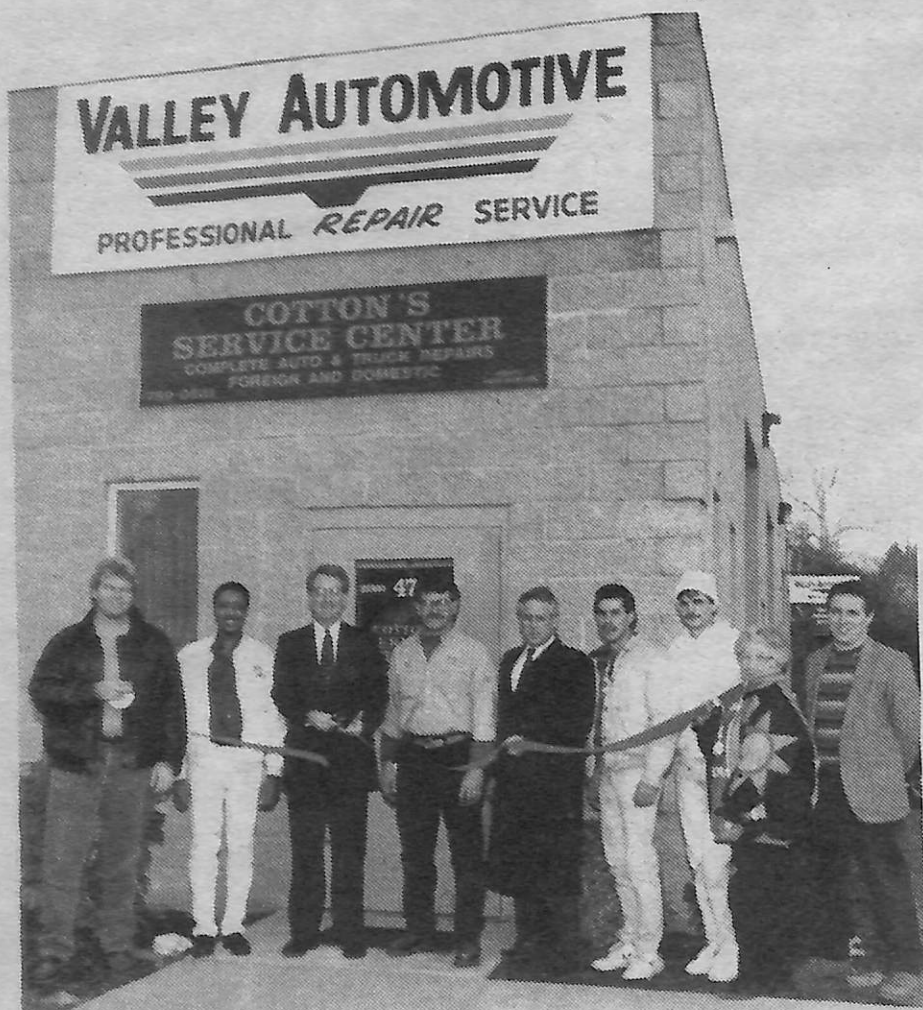
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Spotlight On Business - continued...**Automotive Center Opens**

COTTON'S SERVICE CENTER, has opened for business and held a ribbon-cutting recently with Mayor Christopher C. Johnson and Town Councilor Thomas Ennis, Jr. From left - Stephen Matusiewicz, R.C. Seeden, Johnson, Jack Cotton (owner), Thomas Carhart (E.K. Williams & Co.), Hank Kimball, Thomas Howe, Susan Cotton, and Ennis. Cotton's Service Center is located at Russo Circle, Agawam. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Dunkin' Donuts Helps Charity

KENNETH SMYTH of Agawam presents a plaque to Deanna Symiakakis, manager of Dunkin' Donuts on Springfield Street, Agawam, for raising \$872 in the "Send A Child To Easter Seal Camp" campaign.

Power Surge Opens In F.H.

POWER SURGE has opened in Feeding Hills. This kids' video store has Sega Genesis and Super Nintendo and is located at 545 Russo Circle, Agawam. Mayor Christopher C. Johnson was on hand to meet the new owners and staff members. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Walter Chrysler once said, "Give me two people with equal ability and one with a little more enthusiasm, and I will always take the person with the enthusiasm."

What Walter Chrysler was saying is that ENTHUSIASTIC PEOPLE GET THINGS DONE, ENJOY THEIR DAYS MORE, and often are able to create their own inner sense of joy, confidence, and the ability to "keep on keepin' on."

Enthusiasm is the difference between people who see themselves as "ordinary" as opposed to those who view themselves as "extraordinary."

In my recent presentation to a group locally, I

suggested my "act as if philosophy" to help insure that enthusiastic feeling. What you need to do is "act as if" you feel enthusiastic for the next 20 days even if you think you don't really want to.

You may be amazed at how powerful this little strategy is in creating a positive and resilient view of problems and difficult people/circumstances. It helps you realize that life is indeed HAPPENING FROM YOU, NOT TO YOU!!!

You have a right to be happy, so practice enthusiasm instead of waiting for it to knock on your door. (By the way, if you think that it is wiser to wait for enthusiasm to come knocking at your door, instead of going out and creating it yourself, my advice would be for you to develop lots of patience!)

About Dr. Sobel: (In case you missed hearing him) Steve is a very well known motivational speaker and self-esteem expert. He speaks to organizations all over the United States and Canada. His book, "The Good Times Handbook," came out in winter 1992.

Steve is such an optimist that he feels if the *New York Times* did not place it on their bestseller list within one week of publication, then something is radically wrong!

OFFER FOR AAN READERS: The single tape authored by Steve called "How To Deal Superbly And Creatively With Difficult People" is available for \$12.95 (plus \$1.50 p/h). This audiobook is considered to be tops in the field.

tion of a cold.

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One in three Americans turn to alternative medicine to treat ailments. However, few studies on herbs (including echinacea) have been done in the United States and herbal remedies are unregulated here. There's no economical motivation for pharmaceutical companies to study herbs since they can't be patented.

As a result, Americans don't hear much about herbal remedies and there's no guarantee you're getting much, or any, echinacea when you buy something with an echinacea label.

So, if you decide to give echinacea a try this cold season, buy it from a reliable source. Ask the retailer if they've done some investigation of the brand they sell. Some retailers will have indepen-

dent labs test a product for purity to be sure you are really buying what the label says you're buying. For more info on herbs, contact the Herb Research Foundation at 1-800-373-7105.

Obtain your tape by writing Dr. Steve Sobel, The New England Institute For Stress Management, 425 Union Street, West Springfield, MA 01089. Checks payable to Steve Sobel. Purchase orders also accepted.

Included with your order, Steve will enclose his recently published "Pearls Of The Supermarriage" or "Follow Eight Positive Steps To Increase Your Self-Esteem," an article Steve wrote and had published in a major nationwide health care publication. (Please designate which article you want when you order.)

Steve can also be reached at 785-1259.

UPCOMING SEMINAR DATES: Saturday, January 15th, 1994 - "Creating High Self-Esteem and Empowerment For Children Ages 9 to 13." Held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Call 785-1259 for full program description. Cost is \$10 per child.

STARTING FEBRUARY 6th - "CREATING HIGH SELF-ESTEEM and PERSONAL SUCCESS" for adults. Meets February 6th, February 13th, February 20th, and February 27th, 1994 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Dr. Sobel's offices.

Class size limited to 10 adults. Couples invited as well. Cost is \$150 per person with discounts available for early registration! Call for full description.

January 25th - Full day seminar, "Prolific Customer Service-Getting It Right." At Ramada, West Springfield. Call 785-1259 for full details.

Gambler's Anonymous Asso. To Hold Meeting At Ag. High School

An informational meeting will be conducted by the Gambler's Anonymous Association at Agawam High School on Tuesday, January 18th, at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

A one-hour informational presentation will be conducted by Ms. Kathy Skanlin, followed by a half-hour question and answer period.

This meeting is open to all parents, students, and interested parties from Agawam and surrounding communities.

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Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietitian

An Herb May Fight The Common Cold

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For Your Health - continued...

Free Blood Screenings Slated For Jan. 11th At Mercy Hospital

The department of education at Mercy Hospital is offering free blood pressure screenings on January 11th from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Memorial House Auditorium.

A colo-rectal screening will also be offered at a cost of \$4. For more information, call 748-9030.

The patient education department will be conducting a cholesterol screening program on January 27th from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the Memorial House Auditorium. **Fasting is necessary 10 to 12 hours prior to testing** (water may be taken). Results will be mailed to participants. The donation is \$10, and registration is on a walk-in basis.

A blood glucose screening program is planned at Mercy Hospital on January 28th from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the Memorial House Auditorium. **Prior to the test, participants should not take food and liquids (other than water) after midnight.** A donation of \$2 is requested for the testing materials.

For more information, call the patient education department at 748-9024 weekdays between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m., or leave a message.

Empowering Children Part Of Seminar By Dr. Steve Sobel

Dr. Steve Sobel, nationally recognized speaker and director of The New England Institute For Stress Management, will lead the seminar "Creating High Self-Esteem and Empowerment for Children" from 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. on Saturday, January 15th.

The program is for all children ages nine through 13. The cost is \$10 per child and the program will take place at Dr. Sobel's offices in West Springfield.

Sobel is a former principal and special needs director as well as currently being Professor of Special Education at Central Connecticut State University in New Britain.

Pre-registration is needed. Call 785-1259 for program description and registration form.

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The speaker will be Dr. Helen G. McRobert Galazka, Psychotherapist, addressing the subject, "Growing Old and Liking It."

For more information, call the American Lung Association at 737-3506 or Marie Lemoine at 784-4299.

Breastfeeding Class At Providence Hospital

The Center for Women's Health at Providence Hospital will be offering a Breastfeeding Class on Wednesday, January 12th, from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. in the Providence Hospital Auditorium.

Taught by certified lactation consultant Madeline Boland, RN, this program will provide information on the benefits and basics of breastfeeding, prevention and treatment of problems, breastpumping techniques and helpful tips to support a positive and successful breastfeeding experience.

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Encore Players Set For Mystery Farce Beginning This Month

By the second week of January, the Greater Springfield area will be more than ready for viewing a delightful mystery farce entitled "*But Why Bump Off Barnaby?*" by Rick Abbott.

At the time of year when the doldrums set in, the Encore Players will present a fun-filled comedy directed by Tess Pelissier with the cast of Wayne Robertson, Jennifer Brown, Jeannie Pascale, Kathy Renaud, Helene Bernstein, Sal Marzano, Joel Schnur, and Luke Gelinas.

This will be the maiden offering at the new locale for Encore, at the lower theater of St. Luke's Church, 961 St. James Avenue, East Springfield (right next door to Serv-U Hardware).

Show dates are January 13th, 14th, 15th, and 16th, concluding the following week, January 21st, 22nd, and 23rd. Curtain time is 8:00 p.m., except for the two Sunday matinees, which will be at 2:00 p.m.

As there is limited seating, calling in advance will reserve a ticket for you. Call 533-6720. General admission Fridays and Saturdays is \$8, senior citizens and students, \$7. Preview night, January 13th, and the Sunday matinees, all seats are \$6.



SAL MARZANO of Agawam (right) rehearses a scene from "*But Why Bump Off Barnaby?*," to be launched on January 13th at the lower theatre of St. Luke's Church, 961 St. James Avenue, East Springfield.

Hilltop Players From Valley Community Church Holding Auditions For "*Oliver*" January 9th

The Valley Community Church's very own theatre group, The Hilltop Players, will be holding auditions for the smash musical "*Oliver*," to be held at the Red Door Theatre, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Audition times for children nine through 16 are Sunday, January 9th. In anticipation of large numbers auditioning, it is requested that your

child attend auditions at the following times: last names A-M, January 9th, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.; last names N-Z, January 9th, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

All children must sing a short song or at least "Happy Birthday."

Adult auditions for all roles except Nancy and Fagin will be held Monday and Tuesday, January 10th and 11th, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Please prepare a musical number from the

show if possible. Non-singing roles are also available. All are welcome to audition for this exciting musical classic to be directed by Margie Secora and Lyle Pearsons.

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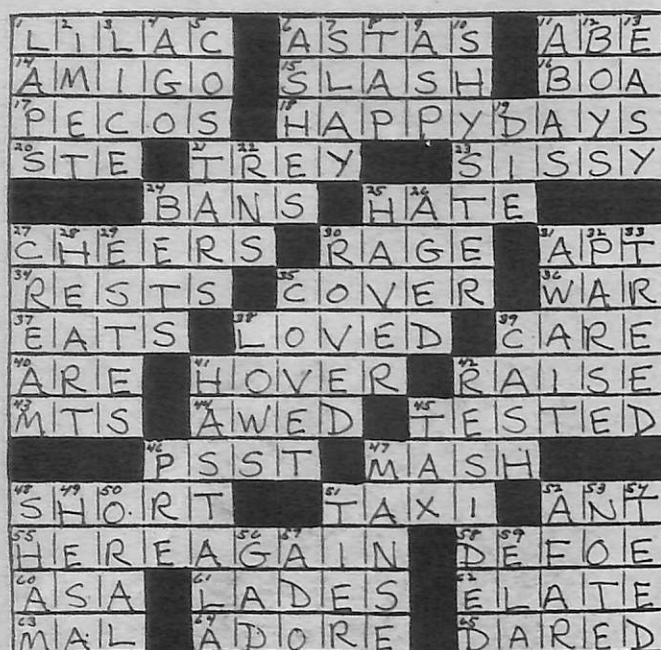
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Looking Back...

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JANUARY 1st - MEMBERS OF TOWN'S FIRST TOWN COUNCIL ASSUME DUTIES

Town Council membership, elected last November, assume their duties as of January 1st, 1973. They are as follows:

Cecelia Harrington, Jane Gallerani, Francis Colli, Joseph Lovotti, Paul Fieldstad, Richard Theroux, Reverend Benjamin Lockhart, Arthur Kerr, Joseph Faucette, Rodney Blakesly, Laurence Andrews, Frederick Nardi, Kenneth Barnes, and Julio Alvigini.

At the organizational meeting, Louis DePalma, eldest member, acted as the presiding officer to serve and conduct the meeting to elect permanent term officers.

JANUARY 3rd - TOWN COUNCIL IN DEBUT

The Agawam Town Council, in its first meeting since officially taking the reins of government under the new Town Council-Town Manager system on January 1st, moved cautiously into the town's new era last night by refusing to take action regarding the court disputed seat of one of its 15 members.

Former Selectman Joseph M. Faucette occupied a seat as councilor that has been the focus of dispute since last summer. Faucette was voted out of the Council by an 8 to 7 vote last August 1st, on a Council decision based on the Town Charter that he could not hold a second salaried town post while on the Council.

Faucette has been paid a little more than \$2,000 by the town as Board of Selectmen chairman. Faucette has challenged the Council's vote to oust him in court.

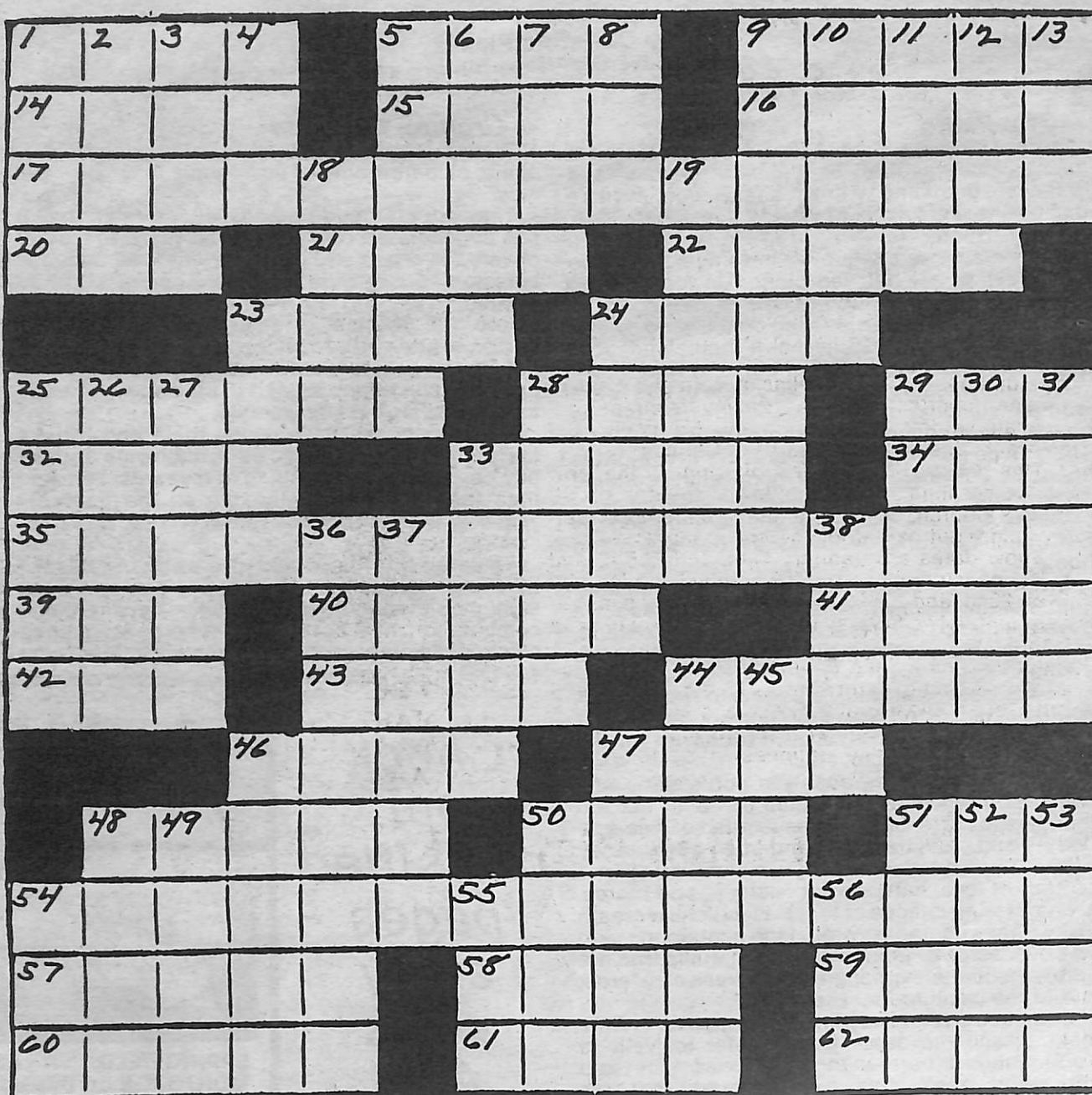
The Council, which began its duties unofficially last July 3rd, heard President Julio A. Alvigini thank previous officials of the town's Town Meeting and Board of Selectmen form of government for "paving the way" for the new system.

James D. Westman, Agawam's first Town Manager under the new Town Charter, said he "appreciated the effort of previous town officials" during the transition period since he began his duties October 2nd.

The Council-Manager system replaced the previous government of a 180-member Town Meeting and three-man Board of Selectmen.

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MEET THE MASTER - by Dick Mastroianni



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This Week At THE MOVIES

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

—The Piano

With *The Piano*, Jane Campion has created a masterpiece—a film of delicate checks and balances, brimming with wit and wisdom even as it shows viewers a mix of violent, passionate love.

Holly Hunter is Ada, a mute woman who creates magic as she moves her fingers over the ivory keys of her beloved piano. Unwed and the mother of a young daughter, she is married off to a New Zealand settler, arriving on the wind-swept, rain-soaked beach of her new homeland with bags, baggage, and even her piano in tow.

Campion creates a powerful image of this brave woman, standing on the beach with her child as heavy waves pound the shoreline beside her. There is no one to greet her, and her first night is spent in the shelter of her hoop shirt, cuddled close to her child.

When her new husband, Stewart (played by Sam Neill) arrives, he takes all but the piano home.

Enter Baines (Harvey Keitel), a burly neighbor immediately taken with the lovely, fragile Ada. He buys the piano "and lessons" for 80 acres of land, masking his desire—albeit briefly—for the pianist.

As his lessons unfold, he begins to seduce Ada, who succumbs to the temptation to "buy back" her piano, one key at a time, in exchange for her favors. They become lovers.

By the time Baines does the noble thing and asks her to choose rather than dishonor her further, it is too late; Stewart has learned of Ada's infidelity and mutilates her hand in an angry rage.

The Piano is brimming with images, painting a portrait of love, hate, social customs and mores, and delivering images of life in a land still a breath away from wilderness: white lace pantaloons skirting over acres of inches-deep mud; trails that are barely discernible among twisted trees and ferns; and in the background, the sea.

Campion gives us a glimpse of genius in film-making, and the cast—from Hunter to Neill to Keitel (shown here with a tattooed face and checkered past)—give performances that are nothing short of perfection.

—Grumpy Old Men

Walter Matthau and Jack Lemmon are at it again, as a new kind of odd couple in *Grumpy Old Men*.

They are childhood friends whose relationship has degenerated over the last 50 years to a state of verbal warfare and practical jokes, all because Lemmon once married the woman Matthau wanted.

Into the routine of their antagonistic lives comes a free-spirited widow (Ann Margaret) who has them peering out windows and sneaking peeks as she romps around in the snow and tools around town on a snowmobile.

In subplots, we have family trials and tribulations of a daughter on the brink of divorce and the boy next door who is falling in love with her. And then there's Burgess Meredith as the feisty 94 year-old always on the prowl for a beautiful woman.

To detail the film would give away the best of the jokes; suffice it to say that it is one pratfall or sight gag after another, and the Matthau/Lemmon combination has never been funnier. And bring plenty of tissues—you'll be laughing so much you will cry!

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LOOKING BACK - from Page 27...

JANUARY 3rd - COUNCIL RAPS MANAGER'S KNUCKLES OVER DESK PURCHASE

In one of its first official acts, the Town Council gave Town Manager James D. Westman a rap on the knuckles Tuesday for allegedly overlooking his fiscal responsibility.

The Council refused payment for a desk and four chairs totaling \$1,524 which Westman reportedly ordered without first obtaining bids.

Payment was refused by a 10-4 vote on a motion by Councilman Kenneth Barnes.

JANUARY 9th - COUNCIL GETS LEGAL BILL FOR COURT SUIT

A bill for \$4,883 was submitted at Monday's Town Council meeting for services rendered by Attorney Michael Curran, who represents the Council in its suit before the State Supreme Court for a ruling on the seating of Councilman Joseph Faucette.

Faucette held the office of selectman when elected to the Council, and the question arose according to charter bylaws as to whether he could hold both seats. In his report, Curran said he had hoped for a ruling from the Supreme Court by now, but could not predict when the ruling would be forthcoming.

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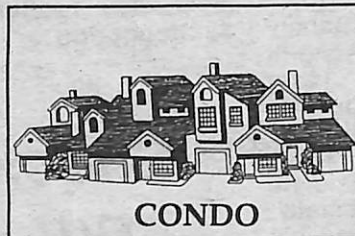


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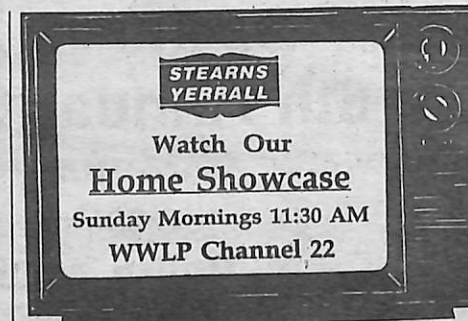


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LOCAL ARTIST FLORIDA T. TANGOCCHI

Artist Florida Tangocci Exhibiting Works At Agawam Post Office

The Agawam Community Artists (under the auspices of the Agawam Cultural Council) have started the new year by sponsoring a watercolor exhibition at the Agawam Post Office by area artist Florida T. Tangocci. The exhibit will run the entire month of January.

Educated and raised in Agawam, Tangocci stated that she began sketching and painting early in life.

"I was encouraged by my teachers at the Katherine Danahy School, and later, at the Agawam High School."

Continued encouragement from family and friends prompted Tangocci to pursue her interest in art.

"I worked in the order and sales department for a paper manufacturer and attended art courses in the evenings at area colleges and museums," she stated. Tangocci worked for a local paper converter until her retirement in 1992.

Tangocci said many fine teachers influenced her style. "Master painters such as Hayward, Kamys, Reichert, Flynn, and especially Pricilla Souder, have helped me a great deal," she remarked.

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Pisano's Picks... ON VIDEO

by Louis Pisano

Recent Releases 3

Here are reviews of some more new releases on video. Hopefully, this article will shorten your visit to the video store this weekend!

* *Weekend At Bernie's II*

Director: Robert Klane. 1993. Rated PG. 1 hour and 29 minutes. Starring: Andrew McCarthy, Jonathan Silverman, Terry Kiser, and Barry Bostwick.

Bernie Lomax is back. He's still dead, but he's back. After the enjoyable *Weekend At Bernie's*, this film falls short of living up to the standards set by the first film. I strongly hesitate to call it a complete failure, however.

Weekend At Bernie's II delivers some genuine laughs, for the story centers around a hex that is cast on Bernie's corpse. The main feature of this hex causes Bernie to start dancing a jig whenever music is played. This provides some hysterical moments in the film.

The acting, especially by Terry Kiser as the dead main character, is definitely up to par. In this respect, *Weekend At Bernie's II* meets the standard set by the first film.

The flaw that degrades this film is an extremely weak plot. The plot I'm referring to involves a warped guru who, for some vague reason, wants Bernie's corpse. Of course, the expected reunion between Bernie and the two young men who have become masters at "livening up" the main character occurs, setting up the scenario for fun and laughs.

Although not as thoroughly entertaining as *Weekend At Bernie's*, *Weekend At Bernie's II* is still worth seeing. Fortunately, the weak plot does not appear as obvious once the comedic action begins! **2½ STARS.** (Mature audiences.)

* *Sliver*

Director: Phillip Noyce. 1993. Rated R. 1 hour and 40 minutes. Starring: Sharon Stone, William Baldwin, and Tom Berenger.

That's it!!! I am now thoroughly convinced that Hollywood is trying to give me a nervous breakdown!! You guessed it, folks. MORE SMUT!!

Please, please, please produce no more trash.

I was able to tolerate *Fatal Attraction* and *Basic Instinct* and *9½ Weeks* and *Poison Ivy* and *Indecent Proposal* and *Body of Evidence* and (well, the list is endless!!), but *Sliver* provides further proof that most movies are not made to tell a story anymore. Instead, they are produced to showcase the physical appeal of the actors.

I should defend my position by telling you exactly what this film is about. A young man has planted hidden cameras in each apartment in the complex that he owns. From hidden headquarters in his apartment he watches his neighbors. This lame plot (which includes a "thrown in" murder investigation in the hopes of creating suspense!) is all the film is about. This is, of course, excluding the sex life of Sharon Stone's character.

Pure repulsion within each and every frame makes it impossible for me to consider giving this "sex fest" even one star. It isn't family entertainment, it doesn't even serve as adult entertainment. It is an X-rated film that received an R rating by the skin of its teeth! **0 STARS.** (Very mature audiences only.)

* *The Firm*

Director: Sydney Pollack. 1993. Rated R. 2 hours and 34 minutes. Starring: Tom Cruise, Jeanne Tripplehorn, Ed Harris, Holly Hunter, Hal Holbrook, David Strathairn, and Wilford Brimley.

Picture yourself trapped within a situation that severely challenges your morals and having absolutely no way out ... alive! This is the concept that *The Firm* explores.

Tom Cruise delivers a commendable performance as a young attorney who is offered the perfect job. His car is provided, a home is provided, and a hefty salary is provided. Unfortunately, he soon learns that the firm he works for is corrupt.

The action then begins as Cruise's character searches for a way out of a seemingly no-way-out situation. The F.B.I. starts to question him; and, consequently, so do the bigwigs of the firm (played by such talents as Gene Hackman, Wilford Brimley, and Hal Holbrook).

Frightened that their illegal operations—which include murder—may be exposed, a chase ensues. The action will hold your attention and the characters are developed perfectly. There are some slow parts, but hang on because your wait will be worth it! **3 STARS.** (Mature audiences.)

(EDITOR'S NOTE: If you have any suggestions for movie-related themes that you'd like to see discussed in this column, send them to Lou in care of *The Agawam Advertiser News*, P.O. 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.)

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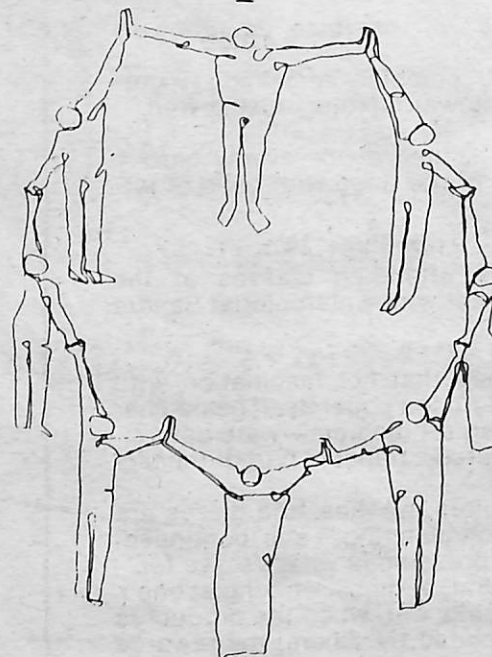
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Bon Appetit

by
Susan Anderson

A New Year's Resolution

With 1994 now upon us, what better way to start the new year than by making an effort to eat more wisely or trying new approaches to the usual menu items in our cooking repertoires?

Perhaps you've decided to make some changes in eating habits, or lose a few pounds. There's no time like the present to make positive changes in eating, even if they're only small ones.

The year 1994 can bring good health and renewed energy to each of us if we try to incorporate sound eating habits in our normal routines. The rewards will be many for the effort (if only the Massachusetts State Lottery worked on the same principle).

TERIYAKI BEEF AND SWEET PEPPERS (Serves 4)

- 1/4 cup low sodium soy sauce
 - 2 tablespoons unsweetened pineapple juice
 - 2 teaspoons cornstarch
 - 1 teaspoon instant minced garlic
 - 3/4 pound lean round steak
 - Vegetable cooking spray
 - 2 teaspoons vegetable oil
 - 1 medium sweet red pepper, seeded and cut into thin strips
 - 1 medium sweet yellow pepper, seeded and cut into thin strips
 - 1 medium green pepper, seeded and cut into thin strips
 - 2 cups cooked rice (cooked without salt or fat)
- Combine first four ingredients in a small bowl; set aside.

Trim excess fat from steak; partially freeze steak. Slice steak diagonally across grain into 1/4-inch-wide strips.

Coat a wok or large nonstick skillet with cooking spray; add oil. Place over medium-high heat until hot. Add steak; stir-fry for 2 minutes. Add peppers, and cook an additional 4 minutes or until steak is browned. Add reserved cornstarch mixture to steak mixture. Cook, stirring constantly, until thickened. Serve over hot cooked rice.

From: *Light and Easy Cooking Collection* by Oxmoor House.

CAULIFLOWER CONFETTI SALAD (Serves 4)

- 1 cup cauliflower, cut into very small flowerets
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced radishes
- 1/2 cup coarsely shredded carrots
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 tablespoon wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 2 teaspoons dried chives
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- Pinch of garlic powder

In a medium bowl, combine cauliflower, radishes, and carrots.

In a small bowl, combine remaining ingredients. Add to cauliflower mixture, mixing well. Chill overnight.

To serve, mix well, then divide evenly onto 4 salad plates or into bowls lined with beds of lettuce.

LOCAL ARTIST - from Page 29...

Presently, she is attending classes at the Agawam Senior Center with watercolorist Sandra Saitto.

Tangocci explained that her fascination with the paper business and the paper itself helped her decide on her chosen art medium—watercolors. "After all," she stated, "paper IS part of the picture."

"Applying soft colors, washes, and glazes are both exciting and challenging," she continued. "Original artistic expression is what I strive for."

Tangocci stated that, at times, working at one's craft can be frustrating; but, when the product is finished and appreciated by others, the rewards are immeasurable.

"Having someone enjoy my work gives me the most pleasure," remarked Tangocci.

She said that she is "forever interested" in learning, experimenting, and attending various galleries, art shows, workshops, classes, and reading.

"Art is an ongoing process," Tangocci explained. "It never ends."

Some of Tangocci's work has been exhibited at the Springfield Art League Show, MacDuffie's School Gallery, the Agawam Community Art Show, and the Agawam Library. Tangocci's work will also be exhibited at the Springfield Art League's Invitational Show in 1994.

Anyone interested in the Agawam Community Artists or the above artist, please contact Beverly Secondo-Wands at 786-0138, or DeBorah Allen at 786-6087.

From: *Lean and Luscious and Meatless* by Bobbie Hinman and Millie Snyder.

FRUIT CRISP (Serves 4)

- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 4 cups sliced, peeled cooking apples, pears or peaches
- 1/4 cup quick-cooking rolled oats
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon margarine, melted
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 cup vanilla ice milk

In a small mixing bowl, combine sugar and 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon. Place the apples or other fruit in a 9-inch pie plate. Sprinkle sugar-cinnamon mixture over fruit. Toss gently to coat. Cover; bake in a 375F oven for 25 minutes.

Meanwhile, stir together the oats, flour, brown sugar, margarine, and 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon. Sprinkle over partially cooked fruit mixture. Return to the oven and bake, uncovered, for 15 to 20 minutes more or until fruit is tender. Serve

warm with ice milk.

This recipe for Fruit Crisp has 30% fewer calories, 65% less fat, and 45% less sodium than your average fruit crisp.

From: *Family Favorites Made Lighter* by Better Homes and Gardens.

There are a legion of ways to revamp old menu habits, and many new tastes to add that can make food interesting and fun. Do you want to acquire a new slant on quick meals? A healthier approach to cooking? Maybe you just want to develop the psychology of getting other people to cook?

Do it! Make the new year a special one, not just in the kitchen, but in everything you do.

May 1994 be filled with good health and enjoyment. Best wishes for a happy and prosperous new year.

Suggestions for topics are always welcome and may be directed to me at 786-2017 or by mail in care of *The AAN* (P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030).

Bon Appetit!

(Next week: Canadian Cuisine: A Trip to Montreal.)

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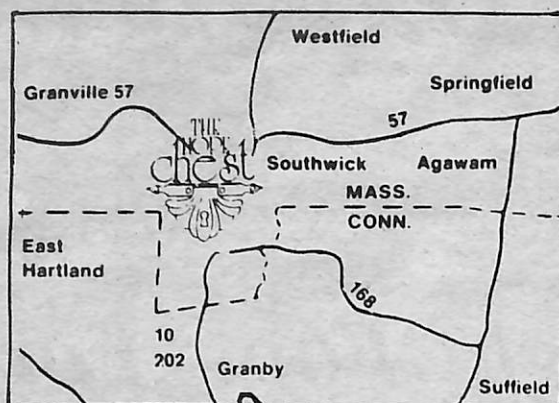
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Education

Holiday Spirit Decks The Halls At Agawam High

by Kathy Cassanelli
School Department Editor

Anyone fortunate enough to be strolling through the corridors of Agawam High School during December was treated to a dazzling display of student creativity inspired by the First Annual PTSO Holiday Theme Competition.

Using supplies from the Art Department, students turned their imaginations loose to "deck the halls" with holiday decorations ranging from paintings to posters to a fully-decorated Christmas tree, complete with presents underneath.

Each homeroom was eligible to enter the competition in hopes of winning the grand prize of morning munchies supplied by the PTSO, an Orange and Brown Ribbon, and a Mystery Award from Principal Furtado.

"Let's Get Mr. Pulaski"

While these may have been the official prizes, confidential sources at AHS reported the main incentive for the students was the chance to beat David Pulaski's homeroom in any sort of competition.

PTSO Co-Chairwoman Nancy Melbourne described the project as an attempt to "get the kids involved in doing something in the school to make it their own."

With Art Department Chairwoman Geraldine Schilling-Nordal as the on-site coordinator of the project, more than half of the 57 homerooms participated in bringing a holiday atmosphere to the school.

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson and School Committee members Louise David and Susan Petazzoni were enlisted to judge the contest. Prizes were awarded by PTSO Co-Chairwoman Joann McGeoghan during homeroom period the day before the holiday vacation.

Students in each participating homeroom received candy canes while Dunkin' Donuts were given to the four winning homerooms.

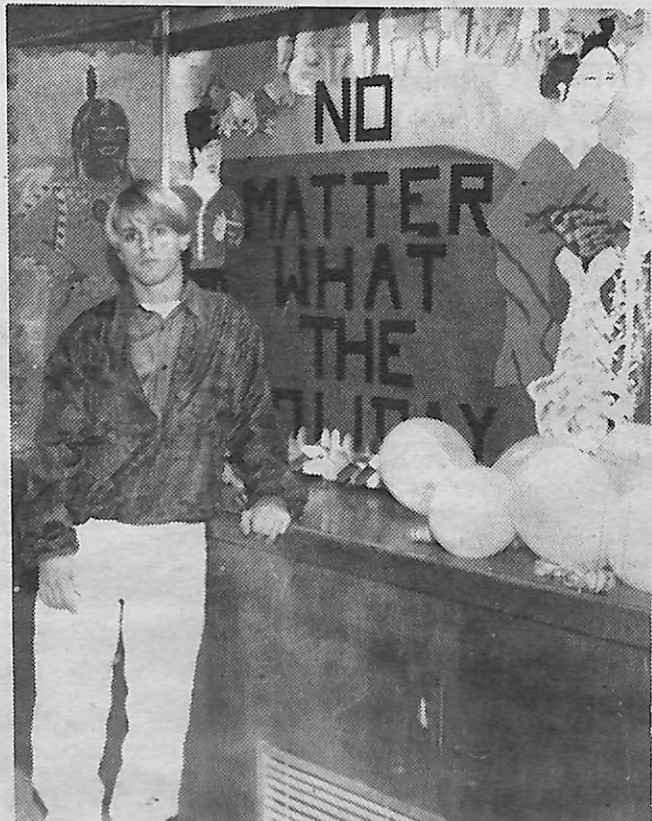
Beverly Pasternak's Room 16 captured the top honors with Pulaski's Room 40 coming in second (followed by Linda Sasso in Room 28 and Mrs. Schilling-Nordal in Room 51).

Mrs. Pasternak's students agreed teamwork and the desire to beat Pulaski's room led them to the top.

Many Former Students Of Room 40

According to the group of students organizing the winning display, many of Room 16's students worked on Pulaski's winning entry in last year's door-decorating contest. Student Becky White summed up the kids' attitude: "We couldn't let him win!"

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ELI COOK pictured with his multi-cultural showcase at Agawam High School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AHS FACULTY MEMBER Beverly Pasternak and her students in Room 16 won first place honors in the schoolwide holiday competition. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ART DEPARTMENT CHAIRWOMAN Geraldine Ann Schilling-Nordal is pictured with Joe Fleming in front of the "Together We Can Make A Difference" showcase at Agawam High. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



FACULTY MEMBER DAVID PULASKI and Room 40 won second place in the schoolwide holiday competition. Back row - Pulaski, Rita Reshamwala, and Steven Rovithis. Front row - Melissa Chiarella, Zac Mounemneh, and Chris Bitzas. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

PTSO formed at AHS...

Fledgling PTSO At Agawam High Moves Forward

by Kathy Cassanelli
School Department Editor

After several false starts in recent years, a viable Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) has been formed at AHS, largely due to the cooperation and support of Principal Russell Furtado.

At an organizational meeting in September, parents Joann McGeoghan and Nancy Melbourne were elected co-chairwomen of the PTSO. Richard Skowrya was chosen as vice-chairman, and Becky Hargis and Janet Parslow were named secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Volunteering to serve as advisors to each grade level were JoAnn Trauschke, Linda O'Neill, Dorothy Marchetto, and Susan Pettazzoni.

According to the co-chairwomen, the underlying philosophy of the newly-formed organization is to bring back a sense of school spirit to AHS, to provide activities at the school for the students on Saturday nights, and to help the teachers in any way possible.

One of the first goals identified by the group was setting up a committee to investigate and develop strategies for improving the school library.

Formed in October, Library Improvement Task Force co-chairwomen JoAnn Trauschke and Mary Gontczaruk are currently researching possible sources of grant money for the project.

By-laws for the group are being written by Kathy Mounemneh, Louise David, and Mrs. Pettazzoni (the latter two are members of the Agawam School Committee).

From its inception, the members of the PTSO agreed that the organization would not be holding traditional fundraisers. "Our goal is not to have the kids as salesmen," Mrs. Melbourne stated.

Looking For Support

The PTSO hopes to tap into grant money from the Governor's Alliance Against Drugs, and plans are being made to send letters to the 238 members of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce seeking financial support as well as volunteers. "Any form of support is welcome," Mrs. McGeoghan noted.

This month, the PTSO will begin sponsoring a series of Saturday night social gatherings for the students in the AHS gym. "Saturday night seemed a natural choice for a student activity night as the gym is usually not being used. We're hoping to present an activity at least once a month," Mrs. Melbourne said.

Although no decision has been made on the exact format for the Saturday night gatherings, the students have been surveyed for their preferences and suggestions, and more than 800 students responded to the questionnaire. Mrs. Melbourne will be involved in making the final decision.

Among the ideas being considered are a volleyball tournament, dances, a scavenger hunt, a carnival, and dozens of other suggestions.

In December, Mrs. Melbourne met with student representatives to explain the guidelines that must be followed for use of the building to be approved, and to get the students' help in planning the kinds of gatherings they want to have.

"We wanted them to have most of the say about what they want to do," Mrs. Melbourne said. Mrs. McGeoghan agreed, saying, "We're at their disposal to do whatever we can within the guidelines established."

In order to cover the costs of providing police and janitorial services, there will be a nominal fee charged for each event. "Our aim is to become self-supporting," Mrs. Melbourne added.

"We want the building to be a fun place for the kids to come to after hours—not just a place to work," she said.

Nicole LaFreniere On College Dean's List

Johnson & Wales University has announced that Nicole LaFreniere of 10 E. Castle Hill Road, Agawam, a marketing major, was among 1,636 students named to the Dean's List for academic achievement during the fall trimester.

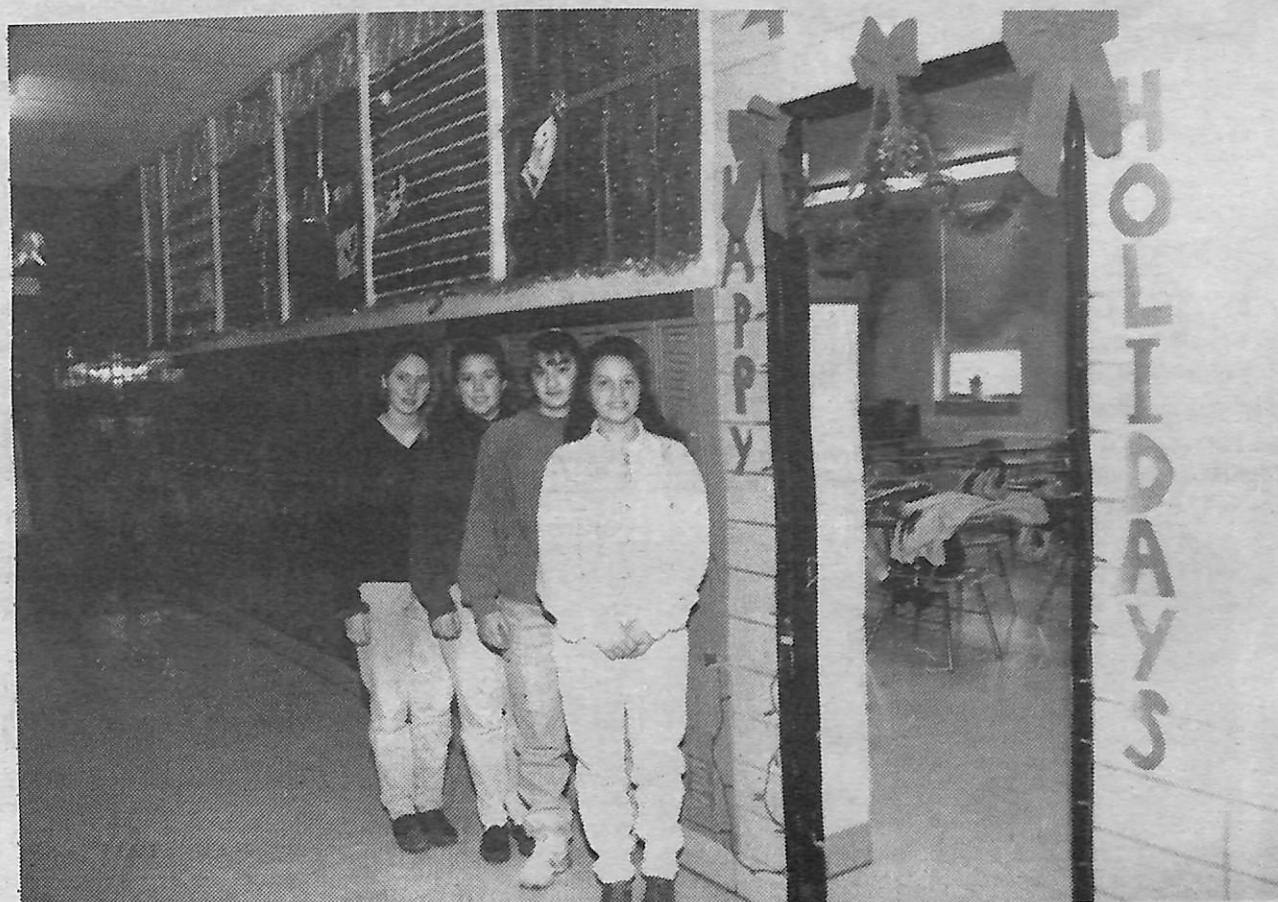
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THIS AUTHENTIC FIREPLACE SCENE was constructed by AHS students with the help of parent Bruce Cortis. From left - Theresa Brown, Al Albano, Greg Weld, and Becky White.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



HOLIDAY DOOR DECORATORS at Agawam High included students Kelly Carmody, Kristin Tierney, Stephanie Biza, and Courtne Hyland. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

HOLIDAY SPIRIT - from Page 34...

Becky White, Shawn Anderson, Greg Weld, Tim Drenzek, and BJ Cortis formed the core of students working on the project (with contributions coming from each member of the class).

Afternoon strategy sessions led to a Saturday workshop that had BJ Cortis cleaning up his cellar for two days afterwards. With help from BJ's dad, the group constructed a life-sized fireplace of wire fencing and paper mache. This served as the centerpiece of their living room scene which started at the doorway to Room 16 and proceeded down the hall and around the corner.

Shawn Anderson brought in a full-size Christmas tree and each student brought in a decoration for the tree.

With Greg Weld calling each student at home to remind them of afterschool work sessions, and to remind them to bring in the needed supplies, the students created an impressive display of Santa, Rudolph, and toy soldiers (painted by Theresa Brown).

The students agreed that Cortis deserved considerable credit for his contributions to their efforts. "BJ's dad helped us a lot. He drove us all over town during a snowstorm to get supplies," commented Greg.

Noting the enthusiastic response of the students to the decorating project, Mrs. McGeoghan said the PTSO will be sponsoring similar contests that focus on seasonal themes throughout the year. "This is the kind of thing that bonds friendships and unites the school," she observed.

Perry Lane Nursery Has Few Openings For Jan. - May Session

Perry Lane Nursery School, located at Perry Lane Park, Agawam, has a few openings in the Monday/Wednesday/Friday p.m. session from January through May 1994 for those children who turned four years-old by September 30th, 1993.

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For further information, please call the Parks/Recreation office at 786-0400, ext. 456.

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Hardworking PTO At Granger Stage Another Terrific Holiday Workshop

by Kathy Cassanelli
School Department Editor

Wearing a long red dress and a white eyelet cap to match her apron, Mrs. Claus (a.k.a. **Cheryl Panek**) welcomed students and staff to the Annual Holiday Workshop sponsored by the Granger School PTO.

For three days each December, half of the school's gym is transformed into a holiday craft and gift shop for the children to purchase affordable gifts for their families.

With a Christmas tree and train set tucked into one corner, the gym took on a festive holiday feeling as the children shopped around, making their selections from a variety of handcrafted as well as purchased items.

Chairing the project with **Linda O'Neill** and **Allison Kulaga**, Cheryl Panek said, "We are the only 'working' holiday shop in town. We make quite a few of our gifts and we have some purchased items, too."

The gifts are priced at \$3.50 and under to cover the costs of the workshop, with any small profit going back into purchasing supplies.

This year's workshop offered books, puzzles, flashlights, and dozens of other choices, including craft items such as yarn dolls, Ninja turtles, lace angels, and barrettes.

According to one of the "elves," this year's hot item was a tool kit.

PTO volunteers wearing holiday aprons made by **Linda Dionne** supervise the shop, helping the children choose from their stock of over 125 different items. Many of the gifts are pre-wrapped, and there is always a group of moms or grams on hand to wrap the rest of the items.

Already Preparing For Next Christmas

As Mrs. Panek explained, while most of the rest of us are ready to relax and recover from a hectic holiday season, her committee starts in January to prepare for the next workshop.

Constantly on the lookout for sales and closeouts, some of the committee members scour the area for bargains they need to re-stock for the next year. Although the committee does not

solicit donations for the workshop, Mrs. Panek said some area stores call to let them know of close-outs or special sales. And the committee's shoppers sometimes find great buys at local tag sales.

In addition to the "shoppers," the committee relies on its "crafters" to build up the stock for the workshop. Each Wednesday morning, a group gathers in the school's cafeteria to work on making the crafts or wrapping the gifts.

This year, the Wednesday morning crafters included **Kathy Glista**, **Angela Phillips**, **Sharon Rozanski**, **Lisa King**, **Linda Dionne**, **Karen Roberts**, **Cheryl Sabola**, **Robin Gottardi**, and **Cindy Bok**.

Five-year veteran **Allison Kulaga** noted the cooperation between the volunteers in producing the workshop each year. "We hunt for bargains all year long, even in the summer. We have people who are good at shopping, and people who are good at crafts. We all work together to get it done," she said.

With four years' experience on the project, **Linda O'Neill** took on the responsibility for keeping track of the inventory. The inventory records include a description of each item, the number of items in stock, and the price. "After the sale, everything is inventoried and volunteers take the items home" to be stored until next December, Mrs. O'Neill said.

According to Mrs. Panek, the PTO's holiday workshop allows for more control over the quality and the cost of the items being offered to the students (rather than hiring a company to supply the merchandise).

"As much work as it is, it's fun," Mrs. Panek commented. "I have a great group to work with."

AT THE GRANGER SCHOOL Holiday Workshop are Cheryl Panek, Allison Kulaga, Joseph McGeoghan, Amanda Regnier, and Stephanie Brunelle. This annual event is looked forward to by everyone at the school, and is sponsored by the Granger School PTO. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SITTING UNDER THE CHRISTMAS TREE at the Granger School Holiday Workshop are students, from left - **Katelyn Kopy**, **Matthew Weir**, and **Lindsay Pafumi**. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Agawam High Guidance Report

by Paul C. Cavallo
Chairman

Final Exams Are Important For First Semester Grades

The first semester is rapidly coming to a close, and final exams will be given at the end of January. For ninth graders, this will be a new experience and a very important one.

Each final is scheduled for 93 minutes, and they are administered over a three-day period. The final exam grade constitutes 20% of the student's final semester grade.

It represents a great opportunity for a student to raise his average; or, if the student does not take the exam seriously, it could adversely affect his/her grade.

For example, if a student has a 75 for a first-term grade and a 70 for the second-term grade, these two grades equal 80% of the student's final semester average, which would be a 73. If the student receives an 85 for a final exam grade, his/her final average would be a 75. If a student received a 60 for a final exam grade, his/her average would be a 70.

Teachers and department chairpersons are assessing the course offerings for the next academic year. In the months ahead, the *Program of Studies* booklet will be given to the students in preparation for course selections. More will be said about this in future columns.

Finally, the guidance department's Scholarship Fair for Seniors will be held in March. Letters are being sent this week to the scholarship organizations that participated in last year's Fair, which was a huge success.

Over \$50,000 was awarded to graduating seniors, thanks to the generosity of the Agawam community.

Boy Scout Troop 78 Holds Court Of Honor

The Boy Scouts of Troop 78 from the Springfield Turnverein had their Court of Honor on November 23rd. There were 14 rank advancements, including five to Boy Scout, four to Tenderfoot, two to Second Class, two to First Class, and one to Life.

Also, 48 awards were issued, including two Coin Collecting, one Photography, one Rowing, two Personal Fitness, three Lifesaving, 13 Environmental Science, four Basketry, five Swimming, four Canoe, two Small Boat, four Archery, two First Aid, one Rifle, two Wood Carving, one Leatherwork, and one Wilderness Survival.

Especially notable is Dan Barber, who after he received his Eagle rank, which is the highest rank a Boy Scout can receive, continued to work and recently received a Photography Merit Badge, a God and Country religious medal, a Den Chief Chord, and a Bronze Eagle Palm, which is attained by earning five merit badges, continued participation in Scouting, and showing Scout Spirit after receiving Eagle rank.

All the boys should be commended for their exceptional work this fall.

The troop also spent a weekend at Horace A. Moses Camp studying stats, practicing patrol work, and orienteering, where they had to follow a more than two mile course set up by the Outbackers earlier in the day.

The Scouts were given compass bearings and distances and had to complete the course. The first heavy snow Saturday night did not deter the Outbackers who had spent the night in tents and woke up to three to four inches of snow on their campsite.

AHS PTSO To Meet On January 12th

The Agawam High School PTSO (Parent, Teacher, Student Organization) will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the High School.

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Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, January 10th: Steamed frankfort in roll, Boston baked beans, seasoned green beans, chilled peaches, milk.

Tuesday, January 11th: Orange juice, hamburger in roll, steamed parsley rice, buttered carrot coins, white cake with chocolate icing, milk.

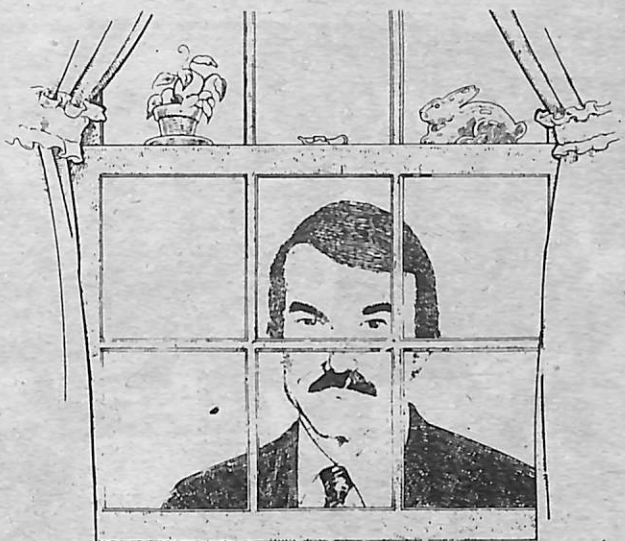
Wednesday, January 12th: Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed garden salad with creamy dressing, bread & butter, jello with topping or fruit cup, milk.

Thursday, January 13th: Oven-baked chicken nuggets, honey dipping sauce, seasoned broccoli cuts, applesauce or chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

Friday, January 14th: Grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, oven French fries with catsup, sweet potato spice cake with mocha icing or peaches in syrup, milk.

(NOTE: Please remember to purchase your tickets on Mondays for the week. Personal checks are accepted, payable to the Agawam School Lunch.)

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Grandparents At Phelps School Main Attraction

by Kathy Cassanelli
School Department Editor

Grandparents were VIPs on a recent weekday afternoon as the third-grade students at Benjamin J. Phelps School welcomed them to their Annual Observance of Grandparents' Day.

With signs to welcome them to each third-grade classroom and the excited buzzing of the children to greet them inside each room, the grandparents enjoyed an afternoon of entertainment and games as they shared refreshments and memories with their grandchildren.

Noting the large number of grandparents in attendance, Principal William Miller said, "The fact that we're in an older section of town may be the reason we get such a turnout. Other areas with new residents may not have so many grandparents able to attend."

Miller said the children whose grandparents cannot attend often ask a relative or a neighbor to fill-in. Miller himself served as a "substitute grandpa" for the day, while third-grade teacher Sheryl Mardeusz enlisted her mother Helen and friends Priscilla Peterson and Patrick Carey as adoptive grandparents for three of her students.

Fred Macsata of Enfield, who came with his wife, Geraldine, to be with their granddaughter, Davine, commented, "I think this is great! I'm impressed with the reaction of the children. They seem to appreciate the fact that we're here."

Originally conceived by third-grade teacher Beth Robinson (while teaching at James Clark School), "Grandparents' Day" was enthusiastically adopted by the third-grade teachers at Phelps. While each class follows the same basic program developed by Mrs. Robinson, each teacher produces her own variation on the theme of children sharing some special time with an older person in their life.

Teacher Janet Wysocki said the project is held close to the holiday vacation because so many grandparents who live out of town are more apt to be visiting with their families. "The children have a chance to have their grandparents to themselves," Mrs. Wysocki observed. "We know the children shine in their eyes, and we want the grandparents to shine in the children's eyes."

Gifts And Certificates For The "Guests"

Each grandparent receives a certificate describing the origin of the word grandfather or grandmother, as well as gifts made by the children as souvenirs.

When they first arrive, the grandparents are interviewed by their grandchild to discover important childhood facts they may never have thought about discussing before. In addition to learning the basic biological information such as when and where their grandparent was born, the children often get a whole new perspective on their grandparents by asking such questions as, "What was your happiest memory of school?" and "What subject did you like best and least?"

Each year Mrs. Robinson presents a slide show for the grandparents that features the children as they go about their daily school activities. "It really gives the grandparents a good idea of what the school life is like for the children each day," Mrs. Robinson stated.

"What's great about the slide show is there are six or seven photos of each child," Mr. Miller added.

Beginning on the first day of school, Mrs. Robinson starts snapping the slides that will become a multi-media show when she adds popular music as a backdrop for the pictures.

Most of the audience couldn't resist singing and humming along with Aretha Franklin's "Think" and the Carpenters' optimistic "On Top of the World" (as the images of their children demonstrating science projects, playing at recess, and working on written assignments flashed on and off the screen).

In Mrs. Wysocki's room, the children created "Word-O," their own version of Bingo, to play with their special guests. Using the letters in the word grandparents, the children chose adjectives such as youthful, active, excellent, and ALL RIGHT! to make their "Word-O" cards.

Interesting Facts About Their Grandparents

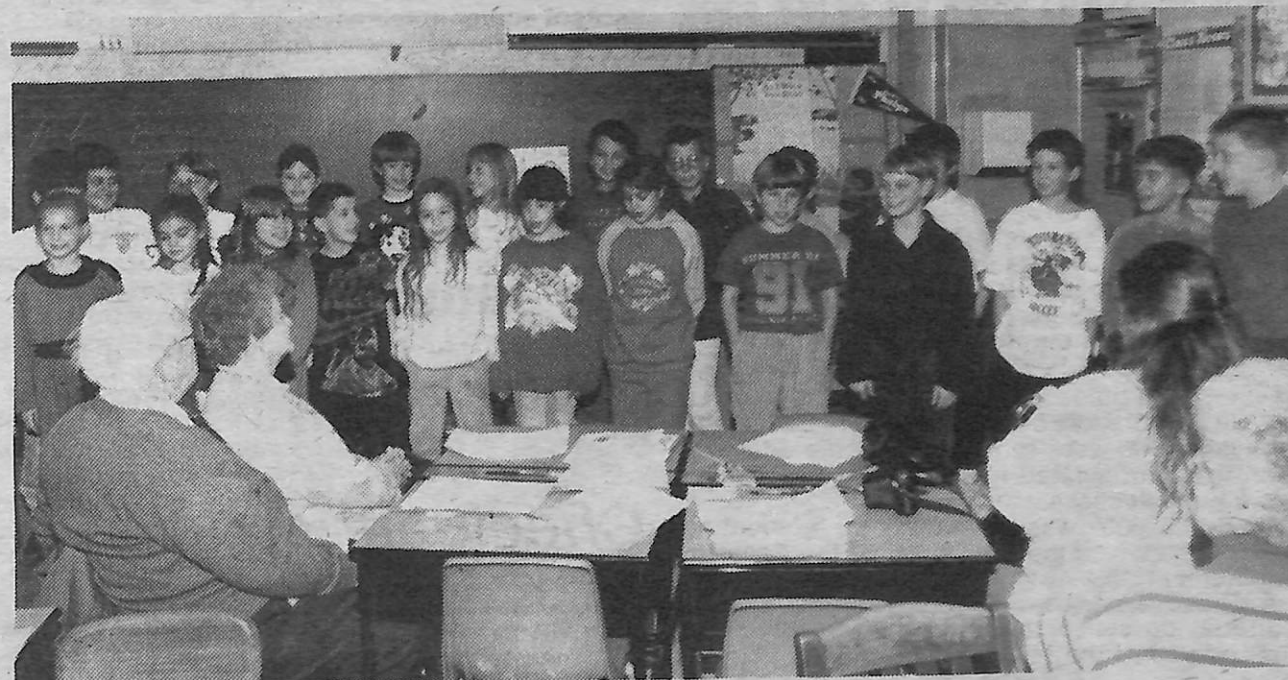
The children learned that only one of the grandparents had attended school in Agawam; math was the subject most liked (not counting recess!); and it was not uncommon for 42 students to be in the same classroom.

Tom and Stephanie Pilegi had the honor of being the oldest grandparents, while *Agawam Advertiser* News staff photographer Jack Devine and his wife, Margaret, were the youngest grandparents.

The Devines were attending with their granddaughter, Brittany Theriaque, whose mother,



PHELPS SCHOOL STUDENTS from Room 16 (top photo) and Room 20 (photo below) perform skits and sing songs for their grandparents during the Annual "Grandparents' Day" at the school last month. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



ROOM 31 students at Phelps School entertain their grandparents on "Grandparents' Day."

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Brenda, had also been a third-grade student of Mrs. Wysocki in Room 20. Margaret noted, "After all these years, Mrs. Wysocki still looks the same!"

In Room 13, Anna Natale, Cori Verteramo's grandmother, was surprised with a birthday danish complete with candles as Miss Mardeusz snapped photos of all the children with their grandparents.

Under the direction of Maestro Mardeusz, the children entertained their guests with a spirited rendition of "The Twelve Days of Christmas," complete with hand motions that left everyone giggling.

ing.

Miss Mardeusz called the project a "cooperative effort between parents and teachers. It works out beautifully during this season with the theme of caring and sharing."

Helping out in Miss Mardeusz's room, Pat Drewniak noted her son, Daniel, was "excited about the interview and learning about what they (the grandparents) did when they were young."

Parent volunteers for the day were Marie Sticco, Linda Verteramo, Louise Pilegi, Nancy Cilimborg, and Sue Hamlett.

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More Awards Given To AHS MIRROR At Annual Competition

by Kathy Cassanelli
School Department Editor

At the 18th Annual Holyoke Community College Conference for High School Journalists held in early December, the Agawam High *MIRROR* walked away with second place in the High Point Award and garnered plaques for the best editorial by Rena M. Chicklas and the best sports feature story by Brian Colby.

Certificates were also presented to Steve Bodurtha for excellence in editorial writing, to Joe Gaylor for excellence in sports feature writing, and to Lynda Wage for excellence in news photography.

Rena Chicklas told us articles are submitted in a variety of categories with points awarded in each. At the end of the day, the total points earned in each category determine the high point standings.

Working with Associate Editor Steve Bodurtha, Rena chose stories from December 1992 through October 1993 for consideration at the conference.

Planning A Career In Journalism

Rena was awarded a plaque for an editorial focusing on the continuing plight of Native Americans. With plans for a career in journalism, Rena is finding her position as editor-in-chief "a lot of hard work, but really rewarding. Most people seem to enjoy the paper."

A newcomer to journalism, Sports Editor Brian Colby won an award for his story on the AHS Cheerleaders. Unaware that his story had been entered in the conference, Brian was skeptical when a friend from Longmeadow who had attended the conference told him he had won a prize.

"It was a good surprise," Brian said. "I wasn't sure until I read it in *The Springfield Union News* on Monday."

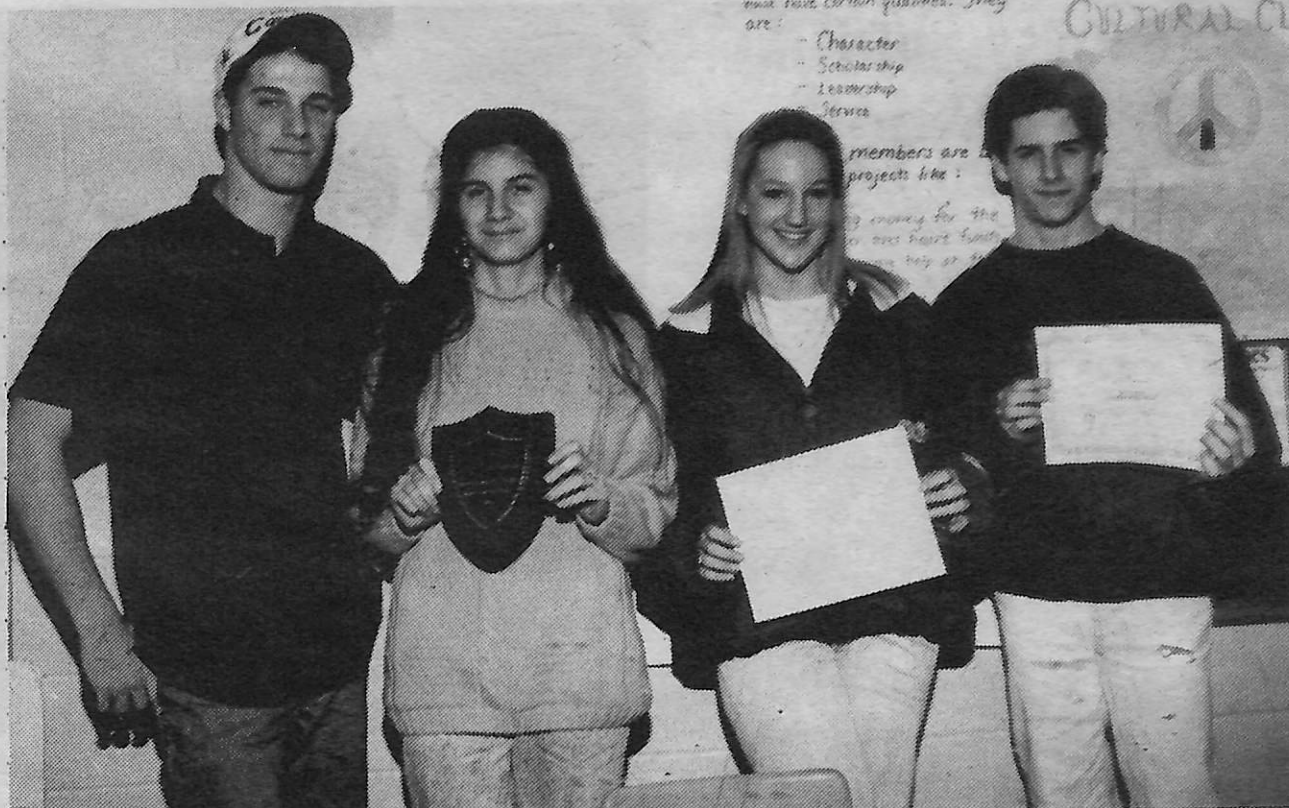
With a staff of three reporters, Brian covers the Brownie action on the sports fields for the *MIRROR*. The biggest difficulty for the sports staff is the time elapsed between sporting events and the publication of the paper, Brian said.

With plans for a career as a professional writer, Steve Bodurtha is already confronting the issue of freedom of speech with his award-winning editorial on censorship published in this year's first edition of the *MIRROR*.

As associate editor, Steve is responsible for writing articles and for "putting everything together and deciding how the paper should look." After a year as associate editor, Steve will become the paper's editor-in-chief next year.

Photography Editor Lynda Wage was recognized at the journalism conference for her photo of the destruction of the AHS greenhouse caused by a summer of neglect.

Doubling as the paper's business manager, Lynda keeps track of the money raised through advertising sales. "The money goes toward the



1993-94 AGAWAM HIGH MIRROR staff members hold awards received at the Annual Holyoke Community College Conference for High School Journalists. From left - Brian Colby, Rena M. Chicklas (editor-in-chief), Lynda Wage, and Steve Bodurtha. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

purchase of film and developing," she explained.

1993 graduate Joe Gaylor received a certificate for his sports feature story detailing the history of the Thanksgiving Day football rivalry between Agawam High and West Springfield High.

Staffed By Journalism II Students

Staffed by the students in Larry O'Brien's Journalism II class, the *MIRROR* is produced by a mix of veteran staffers and a large group of newcomers.

In her third year on the staff, News Editor Sharon Jacapraro has a staff of two reporters to cover world events, as well as club news and other activities at the high school.

"The best articles are the ones with creativity," Sharon observed. "Some writers can take a boring story and make the reader want to read it."

Citing the stress of working against a deadline, Sharon says she is not interested in continuing in journalism.

A newcomer to journalism, Feature Editor Amanda Sunny was recruited by the paper's advisor, Larry O'Brien. "Mr. O'Brien hounded me for a long time to be on the *MIRROR*," Amanda commented. "I was in his class sophomore year and apparently he thought I had a skill for writing."

Amanda and her staff of three feature writers meet in brainstorming sessions to develop their ideas for stories. Although she is not looking for controversy, Amanda noted, "I try to do responsible articles that really address students' problems. I like to open people's eyes."

Marie Fortier, another newcomer, volunteered

for the post of Entertainment editor. "I think it's fun to do new and different things," Marie said, pointing to her newly-developed restaurant review column, "Fortier's Food Fetishes."

Entertainment staffers John Hogan and Lisa Ferioli agree they have the "fun" beat. "It's the most fun because it's interesting but not real serious," Lisa noted. John agreed that reviewing tapes, movies, concerts, and school plays offered a chance to have some fun and share critical opinions with the readers.

John said he enjoyed "giving my opinion no matter what other people want. We can write anything we want and so far we haven't offended anyone."

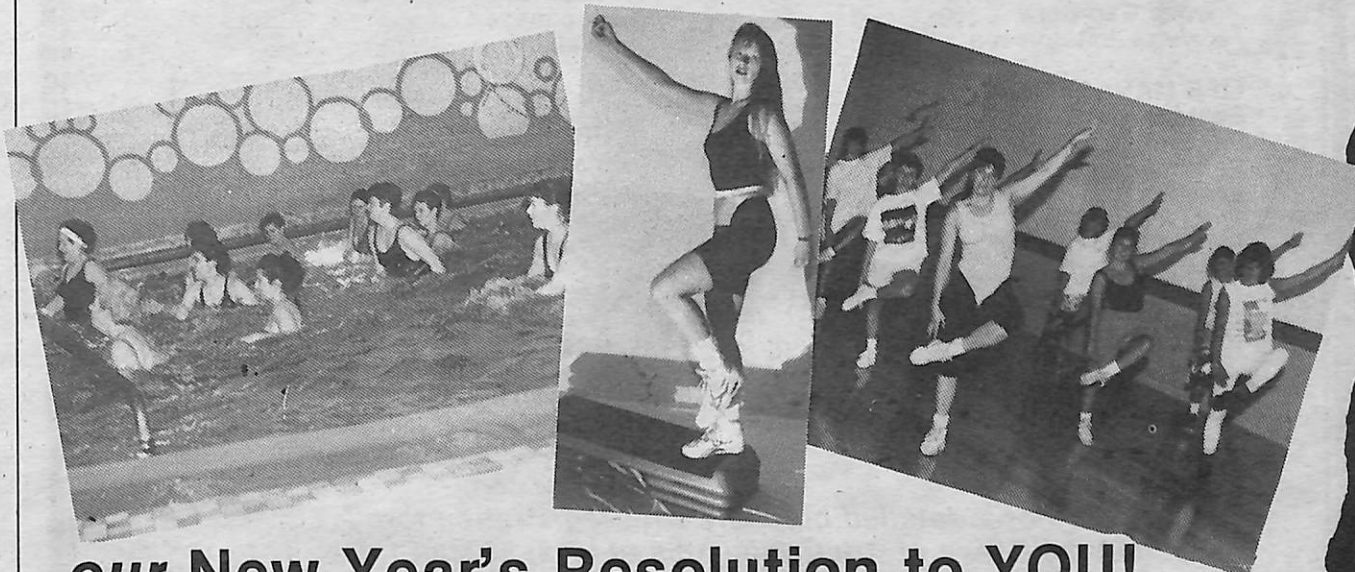
Noting that in Massachusetts student publications are not subject to censorship through prior restraint, O'Brien leaves the editorial decisions up to the student editors.

Five To Six Issues Each Year

Working with funds provided by the School Department, O'Brien oversees the publication of five to six issues each year. O'Brien said the money raised through advertising provided a "cushion" for the paper, adding, "We couldn't afford to run on the ad money."

One of O'Brien's main objectives as the advisor is to ensure that the *MIRROR* is offered to all students at no cost. O'Brien credits *The Agawam Advertiser News*, which provides the camera-ready layout sheets for the *MIRROR* staff, with helping to realize that goal.

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Community Spirit Promoted At AHS Thru Colored Links

by Kathy Cassanelli
School Department Editor

Draped around the cafeteria at Agawam High School, a paper garland made of 1,100 orange, red, green, and yellow links served as a silent reminder that the students are joined in a community where each link of the chain has an effect on the others.

For the second year, the Peer Leaders organized the Chain of Life as a means to raise student awareness of the devastation caused by drinking and driving especially during the holiday season.

According to Advisor Jane Williams, the theme of the project is "Don't drink and drive over the holidays. Don't break the chain of life." The chain is a symbol that the AHS student body is a family and the actions of one member affect all the other links in the chain.

As juniors Tina DeCaro and Denise Seaver explained, the peer leaders distributed the colored links to the English classes and each student signed a link to make up the chain connecting the student body. Each class was represented by a different color "to show the number of students in each class," Tina explained.

Meeting after school, members of the peer leaders stapled the links together and hung the garland in the cafeteria (where it remained until after vacation).

Senior Jamie Lewis brought the idea for the chain of life to AHS last year after attending a summer camp session for peer leaders sponsored by the National Guard on Cape Cod, said Mrs. Williams.

Funded by the Governor's Alliance Against Drugs, the peer leaders have pledged to remain alcohol, drug, and cigarette free and to educate other students to the dangers of taking drugs.



AGAWAM HIGH PEER LEADERS holding the community chain - Michelle Mercadante, Courtney Limbert, Kate Brumer, and Rob Parslow. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Peer leaders must sign a contract promising to remain drug-free. "If anyone does smoke or drink or take drugs, they are out of the group," Tina said, "Such a strict code of ethics is necessary to that people will take us seriously," she added.

In addition to bringing their message to AHS, the peer leaders research and present lessons to younger students at all the schools in town.

With all the preparation for their visits to the younger students, the peer leaders must commit

considerable time to the group. "It's like taking an extra class," Tina added.

Despite a hectic schedule, including an after-school job and volunteering at Baystate Medical Center, Tina remains committed to the peer leaders. "I get to hang around with a group of people who believe what I do about drugs, alcohol, and cigarettes. And I feel that if you make a difference for just a few people, it's worth it."

Registration Slated For Ag. Adult Education's Winter 1994 Term

Registration for the winter term of the Agawam Adult Education Program will be held on Thursday, January 6th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Agawam High School Guidance Office.

Registration will also be held during the first week of classes on Monday, January 10th; Tuesday, January 11th; and Wednesday, January 12th from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Agawam High School Guidance Office.

The tuition charge is \$40 per course and is payable at the time of registration. No refunds will be given after the second class meeting.

Tuition will be refunded if there is an insufficient number of students registered for a course(s). The administration reserves the right to cancel course(s) for lack of registration.

Those persons interested in working toward a high school diploma should bring with them a transcript of any course work completed since ninth grade.

The following is a list of courses and the nights they are being offered for the winter term:

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* Academic courses for high school diploma

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** SAT Preparation Verbal & Math

Beginning Guitar

Tuesdays:

Conversational Spanish

Conversational Italian

Algebra I

Accounting I

Chinese Cooking

Developmental Composition

Intro to Track Recording

Reading Efficiency for Adult Readers

Word Perfect I - CLOSED

Wednesdays:

* Academic courses for high school diploma

Algebra II

Chemistry

Word Perfect II/Desktop Publishing

Oil Painting

Italian Cooking

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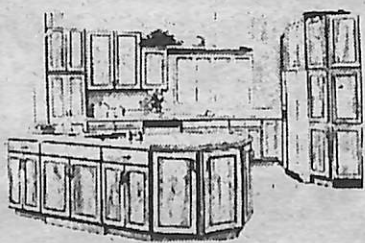
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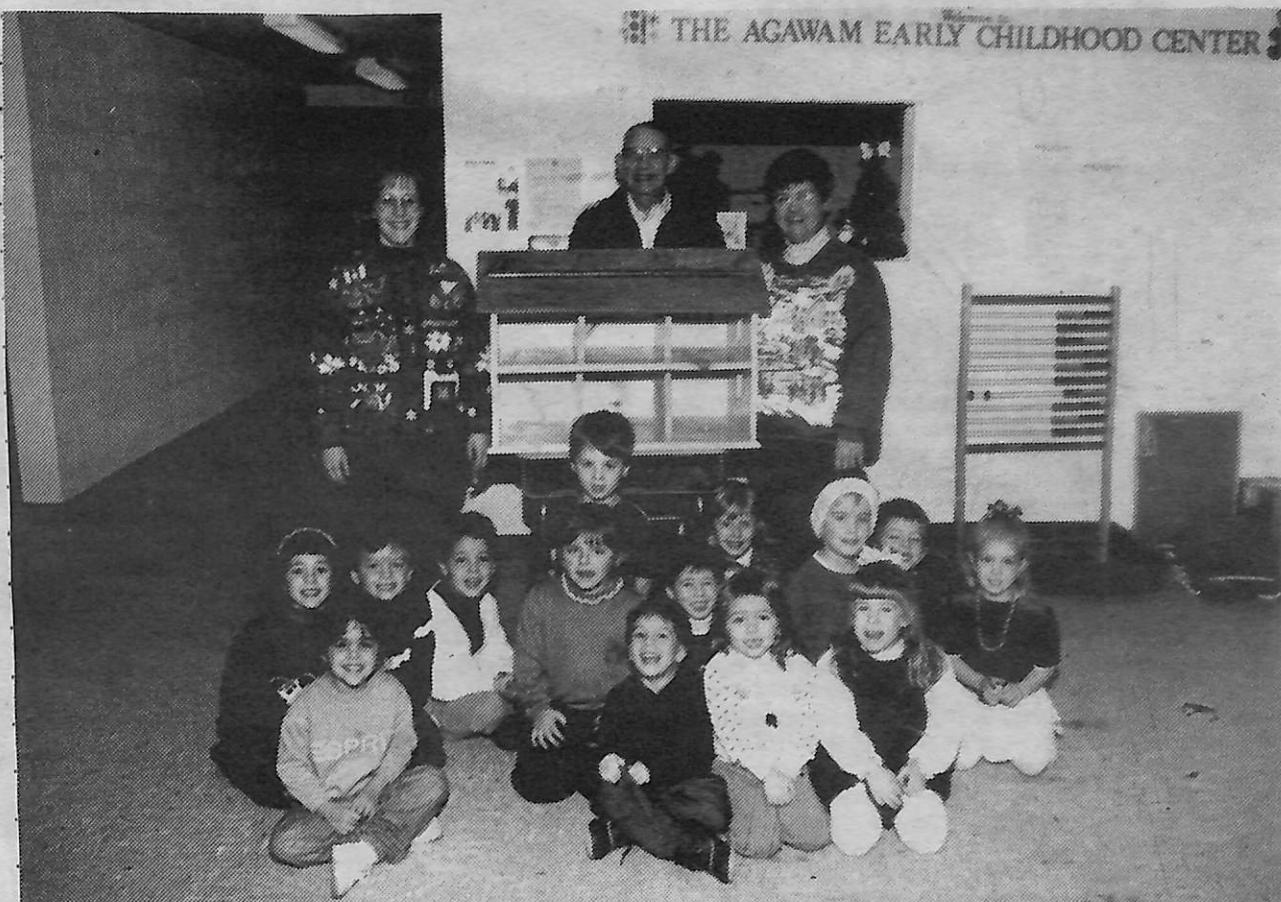
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Joe Davis Shows Support For Early Childhood Center



IN ADDITION TO donating a dollhouse to the town's Early Childhood Center, Joe Davis built this porch free of charge for the new center. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



JOE DAVIS (back row, center) made this beautiful dollhouse for Andrea Brinnel and Mary Ann Govoni's Early Childhood class at the Agawam Early Childhood Center. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Santa Claus At Perry Lane Nursery



SANTA CLAUS ENTERTAINS children at the Perry Lane Park Nursery School on December 23rd. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

"Dear Santa..."



LAURA BARKER gives her wish list to Santa Claus at the Agawam Early Childhood Center on December 23rd. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS Renaissance Christmas Party Held



AGAWAM HIGH STUDENTS enjoy the Renaissance Christmas Party at the school, which included food, fun, and hundreds of dollars worth of prizes. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Public Schools Ed-Ventures

by Kathleen E. McSweeney
Director of Athletics
Agawam School System



"Giving Back"

People have certainly been busy lately! Buying gifts, cooking, working long hours to get things done and/or to earn some extra money. Wrapping, traveling, writing cards, purchasing candles, decorating, singing, and checking their lists.

Each year, the pitch and pace of the holiday season is often overbearing. Yet, the pitch and pace at the Agawam High School gymnasium has been wonderful!

During the current semester break for college students, reunions take place daily at athletic team practices. Last year's seniors (who were so eager to graduate last June) are thrilled to be back at Agawam High School to reacquire themselves with former teammates, coaches, and teachers. It is so very obvious what the Agawam High School community has given to these alumni.

What makes the scenes even more magical is watching the interaction between the alumni and present-day athletic team members. Alumni have become patient teachers, offering their expertise, sharing "glory day" stories, offering inspirational messages, and willing to do whatever they can to assist in the learning process of the aspiring high school athlete.

Agawam High School student-athletes are so appreciative of the special attention shown them by their former teammates that the level of play automatically rises in response to the exciting environment. This attention makes a difference in more ways than simple skill development; the attention given demonstrates a caring attitude of support.

As a casual observer, I find it so encouraging to witness the "giving back" by alumni as well as the reception by present-day team members. This scene is a reminder that the athletic program at AHS is doing the right thing by kids.

Graduating seniors are reminded of the following at end-of-the-season banquets: "If your experience on this team has been positive, if you have learned anything or gotten anything out of your commitment to this team, GIVE BACK."

It is further explained that one can give back in many ways. Student-athletes are encouraged to coach a team; to get their rating and officiating; to donate some of their time with a younger brother, sister, or neighbor to help them develop their skills; or to become a supportive fan of the Agawam High School athletic program.

As we make New Year's resolutions, the philosophy behind "giving back" is a sound one to keep in mind. It doesn't cost anything except time. Spending quality time with your children, volunteering at a local charity, and supporting one another in our endeavors has such tremendously positive repercussions.

I encourage you to "give back" by whatever means you can in the upcoming year. We all have the ability to make a difference in people's lives.

I hope that you enjoyed the holiday season, and I wish you and yours much good health and happiness in 1994!

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LAST OCTOBER, Brownie Troop 582 and Junior Troop 556 enjoyed the hay maze and pumpkin patch at Pell Farm.



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PHELPS DAISY TROOP 587

Daisy Troop 587 was very busy during the months of October and November.

The first field trip was to Elm Knoll pumpkin patch. The girls went on a hayride to the pumpkin patch, where they picked out their own pumpkin to bring home. They sang songs, visited the petting zoo, and had fresh apple cider. A fun time was had by all! The next meeting the girls colored pictures of Elm Knoll and made them into thank-you cards for Miss Debbie F., who organized the trip.

The Daisies made bird feeders out of pinecones rolled in peanut butter and birdseeds. The girls

learned that we must be kind to the birds and animals to help protect them from becoming endangered.

Each Daisy scout helped to decorate the troop "dues collection can." We also put together a scrapbook for recording all the meeting activities for the year which will be fun to look back at as the year progresses.

The girls also visited Brownie Troop 557 from Phelps School. Their troop taught our troop new songs. We played games and took a group picture for our scrapbook.

Just before Thanksgiving, the Daisies made horns of plenty out of paper plates with construction paper, fruits, and veggies. We discussed what each girl was thankful for and the meaning of Thanksgiving.

We were very busy in the month of December getting ready for our Investiture, which was held on the 20th.

PHELPS BROWNIE TROOP 582

Brownie Troop 582 had their Investiture/Rededication ceremony early in November.

Troop 582 and Junior Troop 556 traveled to Pell Farm in October for a hay ride and pumpkin picking.

We are currently working on our "Art to Wear" badge.

(Please send all Girl Scouting correspondence to the Agawam Unit Public Relations representative: Gail Borkosky, 151 Barry Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.)

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Sports

Brownie Wrestlers Bury Field Of Pretenders At Annual Xmas Meet

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The atmosphere wasn't exactly festive last Wednesday night at the Annual Agawam Christmas Wrestling Tournament. But it all worked out in the end.

When the spotlight reached its peak (the Finals), Agawam grapplers would muster just two of a possible eight wins. As each Brownie wrestler fell by the wayside in their quest for the championship belt, the crowd leaned a little further back in their seats and slumped just a little bit more. But it all worked out in the end.

Six wrestlers from tiny Quabbin Regional High School would be crowned champions. Three kids from Putnam Vocational High School would grab the top prize. Agawam kids only got to stand on the top step on two occasions. But it all worked out in the end.

The Brownies proved again that this wrestling system of Coach Phil Tomkiel emphasizes team performance above all else. The seven-time defending Western Mass. champions inflicted their damage from the bottom of the lineup to the top. And on this day, they did all the work that they needed to do in the first two rounds of action.

Delightful Results In The Early Going

The day-long tournament featured just a sea of orange and some delightful results for Agawam in the early going. Tomkiel's Brownies had all 13 of their wrestlers finish the tourney in the top four places in their respective weight classes.

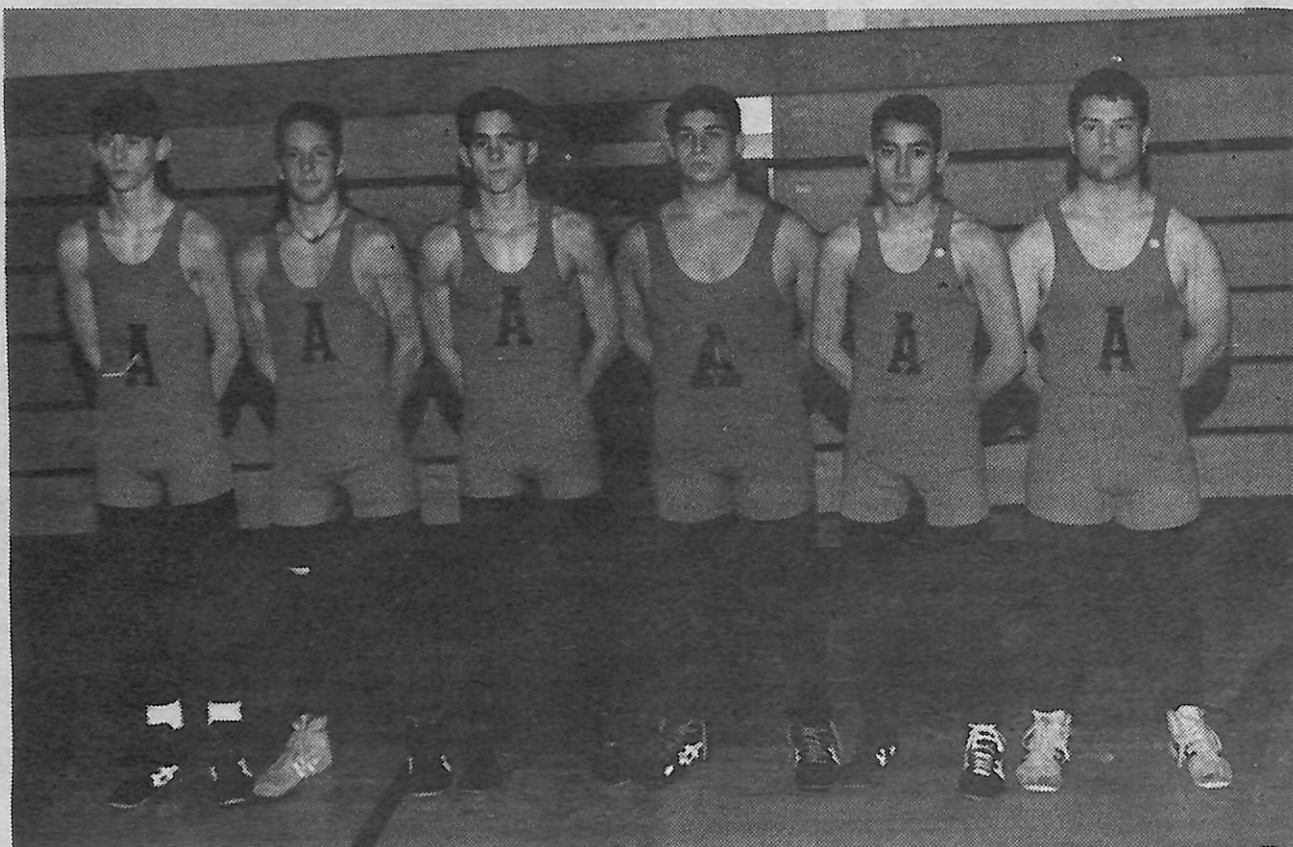
In Round One alone, Agawam slambanged its way to seven pins and a major decision. They accepted four byes and lost just one match. The loser in that match (Kirk Parker) might have provided the biggest thrill of the evening as he wrestled his way all the way back to the third place match (where he stood tall in recording the tournament's fastest pin in an amazing time of 9.7 seconds).

So despite the prime time heroics of all those wrestlers from Quabbin in the Finals, the team from the Hinterlands still finished 26 points out of the top spot in the eight team field. Agawam led the way with 203 points; Quabbin was second with 177. Westfield showed that it will field a formidable squad this season by checking in third with a 119 point total. Putnam rode its three champions to a 101½ score and a fourth place finish. Longmeadow, Cathedral, Ludlow, and East Longmeadow finished fifth through eighth respectively.

The Agawam individual championships belonged to 119 pound Chris Wilkie and 160 pounder Andrew Ingham. Wilkie dispatched Sol Bolanos of Cathedral in slow and deliberate fashion. He took home the crown by virtue of his 3-0 win, which was fueled by a second period takedown and a third period escape.

Ingham Comes Through With Impressive Win

Ingham, the tourney's "Most Outstanding Wrestler," bopped his way to an impressive win over rock-solid Ray Antaya of Ludlow in the Finals. Ingham fell behind 4-2 early in the third period before his fortunes changed on a reversal and backpoints. This gave him a 7-4 lead. Antaya



SENIOR CLASS MEMBERS of the 1993 Agawam High wrestling team, the seven-time defending Western Mass. Division I champs. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

escaped to pull within two points, but Andrew muscled up and hit the dump move, which resulted in a flashy pin at 5:43. Many in attendance are anxiously awaiting the rematch of that bout.

The other six Agawam standouts on the day didn't get the desired result in the Finals. At 103, Chris Chechile fell at the hands of talented Abdul Shabazz of Putnam by the score of 12-5, in what might have been a preview of the Western Mass. Finals. Chad Boucher dropped an 8-3 decision to Luis Schoolcraft of Quabbin. After earning the initial takedown for a 2-0 lead, Boucher didn't score another point until a technical violation point was awarded in the third. That was a rematch of the Milford Tournament Final several weeks ago. Schoolcraft also prevailed in that one.

At 125 pounds, John Scalise was pinned at 5:05 by a Putnam wrestler. The two kids stood toe to toe in a rock-em, sock-em affair in the early going before the Beaver pulled away for the victory. Kevin Willard did all the work (including four minutes of solid riding time in periods two and three), but reigning Division II state champion Micah Morrison earned a tough 5-0 decision at 130 pound division.

The final two bouts of the evening also involved Agawam wrestlers. Jon Jacobsen fell to Charlie

Trajillo of Quabbin (189 pounds) and Mike Poth was pinned in 1:03 by Mike Germino of Longmeadow. Poth had pinned Germino in a dual meet earlier this season after trailing in the match by a large margin early on.

Dan Vargas finished a solid day for himself by winning third place at 135 pounds with a stick of Joe Nero (Putnam) in 4:05. Matt Bryant accomplished the same result by getting the guillotine secured on Longmeadow's Mike Templeton for a fall in just 2:40. Dennis Clark (145) and Chris Langdon (171) were both pinned in their final match as they each grabbed fourth place.

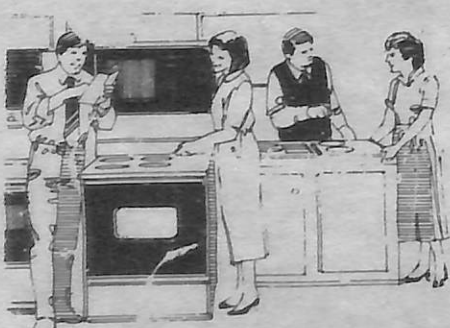
The Brownies earned 19 pins on the day while zooming to their gigantic lead. Ingham, Parker, Bryant, and Vargas each led the way with three wins by fall.

Agawam's win bodes well for its future plans (another Western Mass. Division I title) as it easily lapped the competition from its own division. Westfield placed higher than Springfield Central in the Somers Tournament and the Bombers finished 84 points behind Agawam in this tournament. Westfield placed four wrestlers in the Finals at the AHS Christmas Tourney, but each of them lost their match on the center mat.

Agawam's next match will be on the road against Ludlow at presstime.

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Storm Cancels AHS Sports Slate

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Non-tropical storm Emma made her presence felt throughout the region Monday night and into Tuesday to force a series of postponements for area athletic events.

A much-anticipated doubleheader at Clifford P. Kibbe Gymnasium at Agawam High School slated for Tuesday night between Amherst Regional and the Brownies had to be set back to Wednesday night (thus missing our deadline).

Both the girls' and boys' basketball teams were on tap to play back to back action. The games are now at presstime.

The schoolboys from AHS dusted Amherst a year ago in the first round of the Western Mass. Division I Tournament. The locals had dropped a spirited game in overtime in Amherst during the regular season.

The Brownies had hoped to have activated Ukrainian transfer Yuriy Zdrak for the game. But his appeal hearing before the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) did not occur until Thursday, January 6th.

We'll have full details in these pages next week regarding the status of the 6'9½" center. He was originally ruled ineligible by the MIAA.

The AHS girls have enjoyed fantastic, competitive games against Amherst over the past five seasons. The Hurricanes have largely competed as well as they have because of the contributions of Jamilia Widemann. She is gone and is now a "true freshman" starting point guard for nationally-ranked Stanford University.

The Hurricanes won the state championship last year and the Brownies dealt them their only setback of the entire season in a barnburner at the Kibbe Gym in early 1993.

Amherst suffered a loss vs. Cathedral two weeks ago and astute Brownie fans know that their favorites easily dispatched the Panthers in the seasonal opener (on the road in Springfield).

Coach Lou Conte's club is undefeated this season and have been without a real test thus far. After the Amherst game, the Brownies have six days off before the Northampton Blue Devils invade Agawam. The Blue Devils helped form the last piece of the power triumvirate in regional schoolgirl action over the past several years.

They, too, lost a star player (Beth Kuzmeski) who is now a freshman player in college (UMass).

A management decision caused an 11th hour postponement of the AHS hockey team's game vs. South Hadley. The Brownies were undefeated at presstime and looking mighty impressive (while scoring goals seemingly at will). Our hockey reporter, Doug Perdue, surely will be on the beat to report all the action in next week's edition.

Shelley Michaels is itching to file her first skiing report as that schoolboy/schoolgirl action gets underway at Berkshire East during this next reporting period.

The AHS wrestlers will have a big ho-down at the school on Saturday afternoon (starting at noontime) when East Longmeadow, Southwick, and Westfield come calling for their annual lickings.

The Bombers figure to provide the biggest test as they placed four wrestlers in the finals of the Agawam Christmas Tournament. Each member of that quartet dropped the match in prime time. None of them faced an AHS foe in the finals.

Swimming coaches are reminded to make their respective Tuesday night calls to provide information regarding their meets (win or lose).

It seems that just about every AHS team got itself off on the right foot as the New Year began, and we aim to follow each right to the very end. Happy New Year, Brownies....

Brownie Boys Gain 1st Hoop Victory

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Winning is something that must be learned. And last Thursday night's high school basketball game between Agawam High and East Longmeadow High was going to be the first chance at the win column for the team that would eventually prove victorious.

The young Brownies would shake off a second half scare and pull away for a 59-40 win at Clifford P. Kibbe Gymnasium in Agawam.

Locals Come Out Confident And Strong

Neither the Spartans nor the Brownies had tasted victory prior to the contest and it was Agawam who came out confident and strong on the Eve of First Night. Todd Boskiewicz drained a 14-foot stop and pop; Nathan Wooley nailed a three point, left wing teardrop; and Ryan Henderson knocked home a rebound hoop and then burned the nets from 15 feet to give the home team an early 9-0 lead.

The Spartans wouldn't find the range until 12:06 remained in the first half when Doug Knowe tapped in a missed shot, but the Brownies had established something and they spent the entire ballgame enjoying the fruits of their early start.

Freshman Chris Bitzas would follow with a three pointer of his own and then converted a nifty Boskiewicz feed for another deuce as Agawam began to build its lead. Steady point guard Mike Knodler ripped off a Spartan guard in the backcourt and streaked home for a bunny that gave the Brownies a 16-6 cushion. Minutes later, Boskiewicz and Knodler each added hoops that extended the lead to 21-8.

It was going so well that Coach Martin was able to send out all the shock troops in the first half and that served to let the crowd see youngster Jim Baldyga show-off his left handed arsenal with a swisher out of the left corner (which put Agawam ahead 26-11 with less than 30 seconds to go in the half). Steve Baxter did answer that with a three point bomb at the horn, sending the East Longmeadow kids into their lockerroom with a

glimmer of hope.

Martin might not have been happy with the rebound work of his club, but once again had to be satisfied with the play out top on the defensive end. The kids were hustling on both ends of the court as each team searched in vain for the offense that has eluded them thus far in the early season.

Wooley Comes Through With Three-Pointer

Ragged play was the watchword of the early second half. The Brownies missed their free throws (for the most part) and the Spartans converted theirs—and the East Longmeadow team chipped away ever so slowly at what once appeared to be an insurmountable lead. They cut it to eight (32-24) when Chris Milley filled it up from the left side with 9:55 to go. Wooley answered that with a big time three pointer.

Joe Dilizia made his mark for the first time this year as he got out and ran the wing for a couple of hoops. Knodler, the lone senior on the court for Agawam, took over the game for a couple of solid minutes of leadership as the Brownies extended the arm and locked the elbow with a 10-1 run which featured fine work from Henderson (game high 15 points), Boskiewicz and Knodler.

When Joe Albano drilled a 17-footer late in the proceedings, he put his team up by a 57-36 score and created a situation where every kid that was suited up in an Agawam outfit had scored a hoop along the way. Every coach enjoys nights like those and Martin was no different, "Yeah, it was a good one to get. We're getting there. We're starting to get our people back and we're looking forward to the new year."

BROWNIE BITES...Forward Todd Boskiewicz had to be taken from the game late in the proceedings to change his jersey due to the fact that it had a small blood stain on it. He changed from uniform number 11 to uniform number 15. An eagle-eyed referee spotted that immediately after Boskiewicz had zipped down the lane for a deuce...

Perry Lane Park Summer Jobs Being Posted

The personnel office of the Town of Agawam is accepting applications for summer positions at Perry Lane Park and Camp Rainbow. Applications must be obtained from the personnel office, Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam during the hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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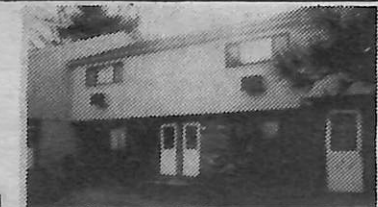
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BayWest Bruins Off To Rousing Start On The Ice

The BayWest Bruins are off to a rousing season with some seriously action-packed games. The last two games pitted BayWest against Nonotuck and Holy Name.

In the game against Nonotuck, the Mite III Bruins gave it all they had. Breakaway action on both teams kept the fans cheering for their favorite players.

Michael Coughlin was the star of the day, scoring two out of the three goals. He was assisted in his first victory by Nick Zukowski, who skated hard to keep the competition away.

His second goal was a clear breakaway with only two minutes left in the game! The fans went wild! John Sapelli also scored, bringing the final numbers to 6-3. Even without victory, the entire team, especially goalie Anthony Biagga, did a fine job making Nonotuck earn their six goals.

On a victorious note, the game played against formidable competitor Holy Name was once again red hot. The BayWest Bruins used new techniques, including soccer kicks and bodyslamming the puck, to win this one.

Once again, Nick Zukowski was there to assist in the action—he actually developed the technique of throwing his Mite body onto the puck to prevent Holy Name from scoring! Anthony Biagga again defended the net in the face of many attempts at scoring.

While Biagga held down the fort, Michael Coughlin was busy scoring three of the four goals, one in the first period and two in the second—a real superstar! Brandon Reiser and Jeff Trauschke stayed alert to assist Adam Roy in a victorious fourth game.

This game not only forged new defense techniques, but brought the Bruins to a final victory of 4-2. The season record now stands at 6-5.

For all the local sports, you turn to Bob Johnson each week. AAN!!!

Sports A La Carte...

Terry Johnson's "Purple" Xmas; 33 Points See Patriots Empty Pool

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

When she was about nine, my wife had a Christmas where her parents, brothers and sisters, and Santa Claus all gave her something purple because that was her favorite color. To this day, whenever special Christmases are mentioned, she talks about her Purple Christmas.

Almost as if on queue, my daughter got everything that the good folks at "Barney" Industries can manufacture under her Christmas tree, and my son spent an entire Christmas focusing on his train fetish.

Not to be outdone, the nice people who are on the supply side of my holiday cheer saw fit to bring me every piece of Raider paraphernalia known to man. And there I was, sitting up there big and proud when the Just Win Baby boys gave me that beautiful come-from-behind win after trailing JOHN ELWAY and Company by 17 points on two occasions...

Speaking of coming from behind, how about those Detroit Red Wings? They started 0-8-1 and now they are as hot as anybody.

STEVE YZERMAN is back, and that now means that SERGEI FEDEROV is a second teamer. Quite interesting for a guy who might now be the best player on this planet...

From Our We Don't Miss the Oddities Department: Two weeks ago, a Cleveland Browns reporter caught two 10-yard TD passes in one game and, one the s'me day, an NFL running back raced 38 yards to the 38 yard line.

I bet it would take the researchers a good long while to find out the last time that either of those things occurred. Kinda like the 33-point pool for the NFL.

Did anybody notice that it was the beloved (and beleaguered) Patriots who ended the season with that 33-point effort against the Dolphins which allowed those 33-point pools to empty the bank. Talk about your found money...

Count me among those who would like to see the rejuvenated MARCUS ALLEN score about 15 playoff TD's. The Chiefs' second-biggest weapon has cured a lot of ills in KC this year with his stellar play.

And does anybody have more heart than EMMITT SMITH of the Cowboys? His second-half effort against the Giants last Sunday was the epitome of what a professional athlete can do when challenged.

And JEROME BETTIS, the former ND star and current Ram, winds up being the second-leading rusher in the whole league. I remember him breaking away in last season's Sugar Bowl for the killer TD, and he looked awesome then. Maybe he is the man to bring that storied franchise back to life.

Finally, the running back saga is not done until we know that BARRY SANDERS (perhaps the best of them all) will try it this weekend against the Packers in the Lions' first-round playoff test...

Watch for GEORGE BRETT and NOLAN RYAN to go to the Hall of Fame when the first ballot is cast five years hence, and watch for CARLTON FISK to be forced to wait a year a two. Just a hunch...

And there are those Boston Bruins defying all the odds by going .500 at home (7-7-4) and 10-5-3 on the road. What gives?...

Let's hear it for the Chicago Bulls, who recently had a 10-game winning streak snapped. Yes, the three-time World Champs have yet to be dethroned and this can be credited to Coach PHIL JACKSON and his staff, as well as a pumped-up SCOTTIE PIPPEN...

Can you just imagine what Coach BOBBY BOWDEN of Florida State might have been feeling if that Nebraska kicker went back out there and drilled that long field goal right after Bowden's kids had soaked him with the Gatorade bucket? That is the proverbial penthouse to outhouse story if it had happened...

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AAA Piranhas Open '94 Season

The Agawam AA Piranhas held their first meet of the winter season on November 19th, 1993. The team, with a roster of 93 swimmers, lost to a strong Belchertown team at the Agawam Junior High School. The results included:

Girls 8 & under:

The team of Katie Gorman, Cassie Freeman, Leigh Stepanian, and Bethany Reid placed second in the 100-yard freestyle relay.

Leigh Stepanian, third in 25-yard freestyle.

Brittany Theriaque, second in 25-yard butterfly.

Brittany Theriaque, first, and Katie Gorman, second in 50-yard freestyle.

Bethany Reid, third in 25-yard breaststroke.

Boys 8 & under:

The team of Sean Bruso, Tim Lawlor, Sam Young, and Doug Duquette placed second in the 100-yard medley relay.

In the 100-yard freestyle relay, the team of Sam Young, Tim Lawlor, Kyle Ramstrum, and Tom Gorman placed second; the team of Jeff Lagasse, Doug Duquette, Eric Ramstrum, and A Rhodes placed third.

Joshua Lewin, third in 25-yard freestyle.

Daniel Adamski, second in 25-yard butterfly.

Matt Lawlor, second, and Tom Gorman, third in 50-yard freestyle.

Kyle Ramstrum, third in 25-yard backstroke.

Ben Bruso, third in 25-yard breaststroke.

Girls 9-10:

In the 200-yard medley relay, the team of Kyleigh Egan, Amanda Fox, Christina Climo, and Hilary Golas placed first.

The team of Lucy Young, Victoria Conti, Kara Gilhooly, and Kaitlyn Morris placed third in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Hilary Golas, second, and Christina Climo, third in 100-yard individual medley.

Hilary Golas, first, and Kelly Curry, third in 50-yard freestyle.

Kara Gilhooly, third in 50-yard butterfly.

Amanda Fox, first in 100-yard freestyle.

Amanda Fox, first, and Lucy Young, third in 50-yard backstroke.

Christina Climo, first in 50-yard breaststroke.

Boys 9-10:

The team of Nathan Adamski, Ryan Sullivan, Joshua Lewin, and Joseph Santaniello placed first in the 200-yard medley relay.

Ryan Sullivan, first in 100-yard individual medley.

Joseph Santaniello, second in 50-yard freestyle.

Ryan Sullivan, first, and Joseph Santaniello, third in 50-yard butterfly.

Nathan Adamski, second, and Ryan Hanley, third in 100-yard freestyle.

Nathan Adamski, third in 50-yard backstroke.

Joshua Lewin, third in 50-yard breaststroke.

Girls 11-12:

In the 200-yard medley relay, the team of Shaunessy Egan, Caitlin Weisgerber, Kimberly Sullivan, and Bridget Donovan placed first; the team of Alicyn Siano, Allison Pisano, Shannon Costa, and Jillian Abdow placed third.

Kimberly Sullivan, second, and Shannon Costa, third in 200-yard individual medley.

The team of Shaunessy Egan, Alicyn Siano, Katie Theroux, and Jillian Abdow placed second in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Caitlin Weisgerber, first in 200-yard freestyle.

Bridget Donovan, first in 50-yard freestyle.

Caitlin Weisgerber, second, and Shaunessy Egan, third in 50-yard butterfly.

Bridget Donovan, first, and Allison Pisano, third in 100-yard freestyle.

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Bob Johnson On Sports...

College Bowl Week Provides Viewers With Plenty Of Thrills & Spills

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Had you ever heard of a company named Builder's Square before this past week? I hadn't and it took Bowl Week to make it known to me. Sponsor a bowl game and you can shamelessly hype your company on national television for three solid hours.

Don't tell me that the nice people at Federal Express weren't delighted to see Nebraska and Florida State keep it between the twenties throughout the first half. That allowed the bulk of the Orange Bowl cameras to be locked onto the logo in the center of the field!

Actually, Bowl Week was terrific this year, especially Championship Saturday. Some New Year's Day games haven't been all that terrific in recent years. This year seemed different to me. Even the commercials were better.

I kept waiting for the advertising minds at Wavy Lays to actually show me Bruce Smith wearing a dress in their commercial. But, every time they ran it, it was still just good ol' Clifflie from Cheers standing there decked out in a low cut number.

Maybe it was just how well Nebraska played that made me feel so much more positive about the day. Generally thought of as a plodding giant stepping on the little lily pads of the Big Eight, the Cornhuskers played "Team Invincible" almost to a draw.

They did it with straight ahead hard running from their second team tailback (highlighted by a nearly perfect counter blocking action that NBC spotlighted at least twice!). You can't hate a team that runs a scheme that gets the big uglies on the offensive line some recognition.

The Timing Was Perfect

I didn't want the pollsters to walk around smugly if Florida State had pounded the Huskers (and weren't those nice jackets by the way that were sported by Coach Tom Osborne and others—they would have sold a couple trillion of them if Nebraska had won the game). Instead, the voters had to consider Notre Dame for the top spot again. Lou Holtz' well-chosen words after his Irish trimmed the rough and ready Aggies couldn't have been uttered at a more perfect time.

To paraphrase, Holtz said, "I think that if West Virginia were to get beat and if Florida State can beat Nebraska, that my kids should be the champions. Everybody in the country would have a loss and my kids beat the biggest kid on the block (Florida State). The only tie-breaker system that I know about always check 'Head to Head' first."

Early Bowl action gave us the best of Glenn Foley (which is very, very good) and the worst of the Miami Hurricanes (which, of course, is very, very bad). Desert Swarm (the Arizona defense) crushed any 'Canes thoughts all day long and BC did get a mighty fight from Virginia before pulling away late. Both games were fun to watch for a variety of different reasons.

Meanwhile, Penn State was shocking Tennessee with a blowout win of its own, and people were left wondering how they could have forgotten about how much Joe Paterno and a defensive coordinator named Sandusky might have been doing during their one-month preparation period.

Actually, it was the Hall of Fame Bowl with

Michigan and NC State that sounded the New Year's Day viewing bell and the disappointing season of the Wolverines ended with their most impressive play of the season. They won 42-7 and Tyrone Wheatley showed me something again. This game wasn't that thrilling due to the domination (and six Wolfpack turnovers), but it was just an appetizer anyway. I was reading my new Ellery Queen book at the time and couldn't be bothered.

The World Is Moving In The Wrong Direction

Wisconsin and UCLA got in a fight at the Rose Bowl, which is further proof that the world is moving in the wrong direction. But the ballgame was exquisite when they were limiting their play to between the whistles. A QB fresh from a sickbed named Wayne Cook from UCLA guided his team to heroic late scores and late drama, but it wasn't enough to knock the slipper off the Cinderella Badgers of Coach Barry Alvarez.

Wisconsin simply ran a little phenom named Brent Moss, who dented the Bruin armor for 158 yards rushing on a million carries. That led the ABC announcer to utter what I felt was the best line of the day when he quoted John McKay, former Coach of the USC Trojans. A reporter once asked McKay why he gave the ball to O J Simpson so much during the game. And McKay answered, "Why, it's not heavy."

Gotta love it, and Badgers fans love Brent Moss for providing the same services every Saturday in Madison.

ND-Texas A & M was on the other station (simultaneously) and both games paralleled each other wonderfully throughout the supper hour. The first quarters ended at exactly the same time and both games had more than their share of drama. The day was really becoming special and I had no idea that Nebraska would keep it that way with its inspired play and their veteran coach.

I'm still wondering how Doctor Galakiewicz got home after his "this small" limousine got lifted by that Bud Lite guzzling mean little man. Yes I am! But New Year's Day provided me no answers. So I kept my mind on football (although I did sneak away to a buddy of mine's house for three Miller Genuine Drafts).

Florida made sure that ABC wouldn't have a chance to compete in the ratings as it demolished West Virginia in the Sugar Bowl, which was played opposite the National Championship game on NBC.

So Nebraska and Florida State happened on center stage, and both teams showed all the tools that they were supposed to show. It didn't equate into that many points, but the speed of the Seminole defense stopped up all the wide stuff for the Huskers on offense; and the underdogs got Trev Alberts and his gang hunkering down to stop the run and hurrying Charlie Heisman Ward all evening. It turned out to be one excellent football game.

They will have no championship game. I wish they would. But New Year's was OK—1994 is here and ready to party. Can Super Sunday be better than Championship Saturday? Maybe it can.

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Sportsmen's Corner

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Tired Of Chasing Deer From State To State!

It has been a long season chasing deer from Vermont, New York, Connecticut, and Massachusetts. It is over and I am relieved!

Already the breakfast talk at "Big Mac" is about turkey hunting to come in May. For some reason, every new season seems to get tougher, the hills seem higher, swamp mud seems thicker, and the undergrowth in the woods seems harder to get through.

Well, if all the parts are working next fall, I'll be out in the usual places battling nature again.

The preliminary harvest figures, based on a survey of deer check stations by Dan McGuinness of the I & E Section of DF&W, indicates that sportsmen checked in 3,652 bucks and 2,080 does for a total of 5,732 deer. While this figure is down slightly from the record tallies of the past two years, it is keeping with the biologists' projections of herd size and growth.

Western District, 1,764; Connecticut Valley, 1,264; Central, 1,164; Northeast, 445; and the Southeast District, 1,095. The increase of deer east of the Connecticut River is the reason for the reduced number of hunters that usually hit the popular places in Western Massachusetts.

Trout Unlimited Plans Fly-Tying Event

The Pioneer Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited will hold its Fourth Annual Fly-Tying Extravaganza January 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the West Springfield-Agawam Lodge of Elks, 428 Morgan Road, West Springfield.

Eight accomplished fly-tyers will simultaneously demonstrate a variety of trout, bass, and saltwater fly patterns.

Professional fly-tyer Al Niemiec will begin the event with a presentation of "Creative Nymph Designs" and casting instructor Steve Cook will demonstrate fly rod casting techniques for beginners.

A limited edition fly-tying table, made by nationally-known craftsman George Roberts and valued at \$700, will be raffled to benefit the Allan R. Andrews Memorial Conservation Scholarship.

Trout Unlimited, comprising 70,000 members nationwide and 300 locally, is an angling and conservation group dedicated to the restoration and protection of America's coldwater habitat.

For more information, contact Dan Berry at (413) 529-9465.

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Wildlife Restoration Fund Under Attack

Under the title of "Firearms Victims Prevention Act," proposed federal legislation (S.868) seeks to dilute the importance and effectiveness of wildlife conservation's foundations.

Popularly known as Pittman-Robertson, the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Program provides a significant share of the funds necessary for wildlife conservation activities carried out by state wildlife agencies. The funds are generated by an 11-percent federal excise tax sponsored by sportsmen on sporting arms, sporting ammunition and archery equipment, and a 10-percent excise tax on handguns. Over \$2.5 billion have been provided since the program's origination in 1937.

The sponsors of S.868 would increase the tax on handguns, "assault weapons," and handgun and assault weapon ammunition to 25 percent. These funds would then be placed into a Health Care Trust Fund intended to pay for medical care for gunshot victims.

This would be a loss of more than **\$61 million annually** which now finances wildlife conservation, according to the Wildlife Management Institute. The bill also would increase the fee for a federal firearms license (FFL) from **\$30 to \$2,500**.

Sponsors of the legislation are Senators Patty Murray (WA), Carol Moseley-Braun (IL), Paul Simon (IL), John Kerry (MA), and Harlon Matthews (TN). According to the Wildlife Management Institute, the states of Alaska, California, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Texas each would lose more than \$2 million in vital funding.

If this is the way our government is going to go to solve every problem in the country (they haven't the courage to take the money out of the General Fund—it would leave less for pork barreling and would not pass), I say tax the chemical companies 25 percent on the pesticides they sell. Use that money to combat the cancer epidemic that is killing millions of people in the United States, etc.

The sportsmen have to wake up and make the politicians realize that the law-abiding citizen who

hunts and fishes is a vital vote in this country, not scapegoats for the ills of this country created by the politicians during the last decade.

A 19-cent postcard to your representatives in opposition to their bills that are ruining our sports of fishing and hunting, is the only way we can make a serious point to them. Do it ... it is time to stand up and be counted.

10th Acid Rain Poster Contest

The Massachusetts Sportsmen's Council has issued an invitation to youngsters to participate in the Council's 10th Annual Acid Rain Awareness Poster Contest. Entries are open to students in grades 1 through 8, with awards in two categories (grade 1-4 and grades 5-8).

All posters must feature the words Acid Rain Awareness. Posters must be no larger than 14x20 and must have the student's name, age, grade, home address, and name of school on the back of the poster.

Entries must be received by March 31st, 1994. Send them to Massachusetts Sportsmen's Council, P.O. Box 771, Barre, MA 01005.

The HELL-CAT II, a 114-foot, all-steel party boat docked at 181 Thomas Street, Groton, Connecticut, is starting the '94 season on Sat., January 8th. The winter schedule calls for sailings on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

Hel-Cat II leaves the dock at 6:00 a.m., returning between 4:00 and 4:30 p.m. The boat is equipped with a great big heated deckhouse, a restaurant with hot food available, and a tackle stand right on board.

You can call (203) 535-2066 or (203) 535-3200 for more information.

The ponds are frozen over and the fishing is great. I went out last Sunday morning for a few hours of jigging and kept 13 good-sized perch and released at least eight good-sized pickerel.

It was enjoyable fishing Lake Buell again.

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Kimberly Sullivan, first, and Katie Theroux, third in 50-yard backstroke.

Shannon Costa, second in 50-yard breaststroke.

Boys 11-12:

Jeffrey Rivkin, first in 200-yard individual medley and first in 50-yard butterfly.

Thomas Graveline, third in 200-yard freestyle and third in 100-yard freestyle.

Thomas Casiello, second in 50-yard breaststroke.

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, the team of Jeffrey Robinson, Thomas Casiello, Thomas Graveline, and Jeffrey Rivkin placed second.

Girls 13-14:

Kelli Kunkel, second, and Danielle DeForge, third in 200-yard individual medley.

Gina Cellili, second, and Darcy Bates, third in 200-yard freestyle.

Gina Leclair, third in 50-yard freestyle.

Natalie Piccin, second, and Tara Rivkin, third in

100-yard butterfly.

Eileen Daly, second, and Natalie Piccin, third in 100-yard freestyle.

Kelly Robinson, second, and Kathryn Smith, third in 100-yard backstroke.

Danielle DeForge, first, and Tara Rivkin, third in 100-yard breaststroke.

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, the team of Tara Rivkin, Natalie Piccin, Kelli Kunkel, and Eileen Daly placed second.

Boys 13-14:

Chad Abdow, second in 50-yard freestyle and second in 100-yard freestyle.

Girls 15-18:

Rachel Niemiec, second in 50-yard freestyle and first in 100-yard backstroke.

Boys 15-18:

Jonathan David, first in 100-yard butterfly.

Tim Church, second, and Sean Sumner, third in 100-yard freestyle.

Tim Church, first in 100-yard breaststroke.

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Agawam Parks Dept. Winter Schedule

The Agawam Recreation Department announces that the registration for its winter 1994 programs began on Monday, January 3rd. No registration was taken before January 3rd, 1994, and all programs are offered on a "first come, first served" basis (no phone registrations will be taken).

Registration for both youth (must reside in Agawam) and adult programs will be held daily, Monday through Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., in the Agawam Recreation Office (located at the Agawam High School, right driveway, rear entrance; look for the signs). All fees are payable in advance of the program.

Please make all checks payable to the Town of Agawam. There will be **no refunds** of the program fee unless the program is cancelled. All programs are subject to change due to gymnasium availability and to participation.

All programs will be cancelled on any day that school is closed due to inclement weather. Notification will be placed on radio station W.M.A.S., both A.M. and F.M. If you are still in doubt, call the Recreation Office, 786-0400, extension 456.

PERRY LANE NURSERY SCHOOL INFORMATION (1994)

The Perry Lane Nursery School will be accepting registrations beginning February 1st, 1994 for the fall semester.

The program is for children who will have turned three or four years of age by September 30th, 1994. This is an excellent opportunity to prepare your child for kindergarten at a reasonable price.

Session: September 12th, 1994 to May 19th, 1995

Time: Three years—Tuesday/Thursday, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.; four years—Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., and 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Perry Lane Park

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office
School Fee: Three years—\$450 (payable at \$50 per month); four years—\$585 (payable at \$65 per month).

Teachers: Gina Frasco, director; Dolly Biza, teacher.

YOUTH RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS 1994

YOUTH LEARN TO SWIM:

Your child must be able to change his/her own clothes. No females will be allowed in the male locker room, as no males will be allowed in the female locker room. Release forms must be signed by a parent/guardian before a child can take part.

Session: January 15th to March 19th, 1994 (10 weeks)

Time: Saturdays, 9:00 to 9:50 a.m. (six years and up); 10:00 to 10:50 a.m. (four and five years); 11:00 to 11:50 a.m. (four and five years)

Location: Agawam Junior High School Pool

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office

Program Fee: \$15 per child (no refunds)

Instructors: Agawam Recreation swim staff

Classes are limited to 25 per class. Enter the pool through the last door on the left-hand side of the school.

YOUTH GYMNASTICS/OPEN GYM:

This gym program will offer gymnastics as well as other programs such as kickball, exercise, etc.

Session: January 15th to March 19th, 1994 (10 weeks)

Time: Saturdays, 9:00 to 9:50 a.m. (beginners four and five years); 10:00 to 10:50 a.m. (beginners six and up); 11:00 to 11:50 a.m. (beginners four and up)

Location: Agawam Junior High School Gym

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office

Program Fee: \$15 per child (no refunds)

Instructors: Agawam Recreation Department Gymnastics Staff.

All classes are limited to 30 students per class on a "first come, first served" basis. Release forms must be signed by a parent/guardian before a child may be able to participate. Sneakers must be worn. Enter the gym through the last door on the left side of the Junior High School.

AGAWAM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION:

Basketball—All teams have been practicing and will begin play on Saturday, January 8th, 1994. The girls' 8-10 and 11-13 leagues will be scheduled for games in the Agawam Middle School gym. The boys' 8-10 league will play at the Agawam Junior High School. Co-ed 6/7 instructional will play at the Agawam High School. Beginning on Sunday, January 9th, 1994, the boys' 10-12 league will play at the Agawam Junior High School, while the 13-15 league will play at the Agawam High School. All games will begin at 12:00 noon.

Piranhas—The Piranhas swim team competes against teams from local cities and towns. All home swim meets are held at the Agawam Junior High School Pool.

ADULT RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS 1994

WOMEN'S LOW IMPACT AEROBICS/SWIM:

This program is a low-impact aerobics course designed to stretch and tone. If you wish to swim after the Monday program, it is already included in the cost.

Session: January 10th to March 28th, 1994 (10 weeks)

Time: Mondays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam Junior High School Gym "A"

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office

Program Fee: \$25 per person (no refunds). No program January 17th and February 21st.

Instructor: Willie Fortini

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL/SWIM:

Session: January 10th to March 28th, 1994 (10 weeks)

Time: Mondays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam Junior High School Gym "B"

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office (limit of 25)

Program Fee: \$25 per person (no refunds). No program January 17th and February 21st.

Supervisor: Willie Fortini

MEN'S RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL:

This program is informal. It provides exercise, fun and competition. There is a limit of 25.

Session: January 20th to March 31st, 1994 (11 weeks)

Time: Thursdays, 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam High School - Main Gym

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office

Program Fee: \$25 per person (no refunds)

PERRY LANE SUMMER DAY CAMP (dates/fees tentative):

Sign-ups will begin Monday, April 25th, 1994. This will be for both the day camp (ages 6-13) and the pre-school playtime (ages 4 & 5).

8 weeks—June 27th to August 19th, 1994; \$350 with transportation, \$200 without.

2 weeks—June 27th to July 8th, 1994; \$100 with transportation, \$50 without.

2 weeks—July 11th to July 22nd, 1994; \$100 with transportation, \$50 without.

2 weeks—July 25th to August 5th, 1994; \$100 with transportation, \$50 without.

2 weeks—August 8th to August 19th, 1994; \$100 with transportation, \$50 without.

Pre-school playtime, all 8 weeks - \$50; Mon-

days/Wednesdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., or Tuesdays/Thursdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

OPEN GYM:

Session: January 3rd to March 30th, 1994

Time: Mondays and Wednesdays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam High School Gym

Registration: Not required but you **must be a town resident**

Fee: \$2 per person, per night (pay the supervisor at the door)

Please supply your own basketballs. (There will be no program on January 5th, January 17th, February 3rd, and February 21st.)

CIVIC ORGANIZATION GYM & SWIM:

The Junior High School Gym and Pool will be available to civic groups and clubs of Agawam on Friday nights through reservation. There will be a \$45 charge per hour. This fee includes the lifeguard.

Session: January through May, 1994

Time: Fridays, 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam Junior High School Gym and Pool

Registration: Agawam Recreation Office

RECREATIONAL SWIM SCHEDULE:

The pool at the Agawam Junior High School will be open for public swim for both youths and adults on Sunday afternoons and Monday and Wednesday evenings. It is recommended that you leave no valuables in the locker room or pool area. Lifeguards will be on duty. All pool rules are in effect. No cut-offs are allowed in the pool. **All children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.**

Session: Sundays, January 9th to March 27th, 1994.

Time: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Session: Mondays, January 10th to May 23rd, 1994; Wednesdays, March 30th to May 25th, 1994.

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam Junior High School Pool

Registration: Not required


Pool Fee: \$2 per person (pay the lifeguard on duty/children under six free)

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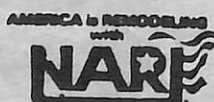
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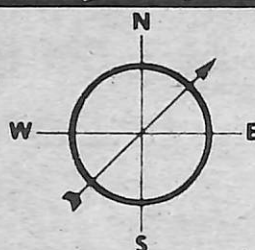
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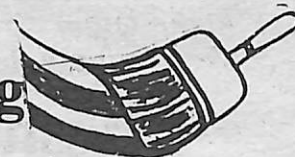
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